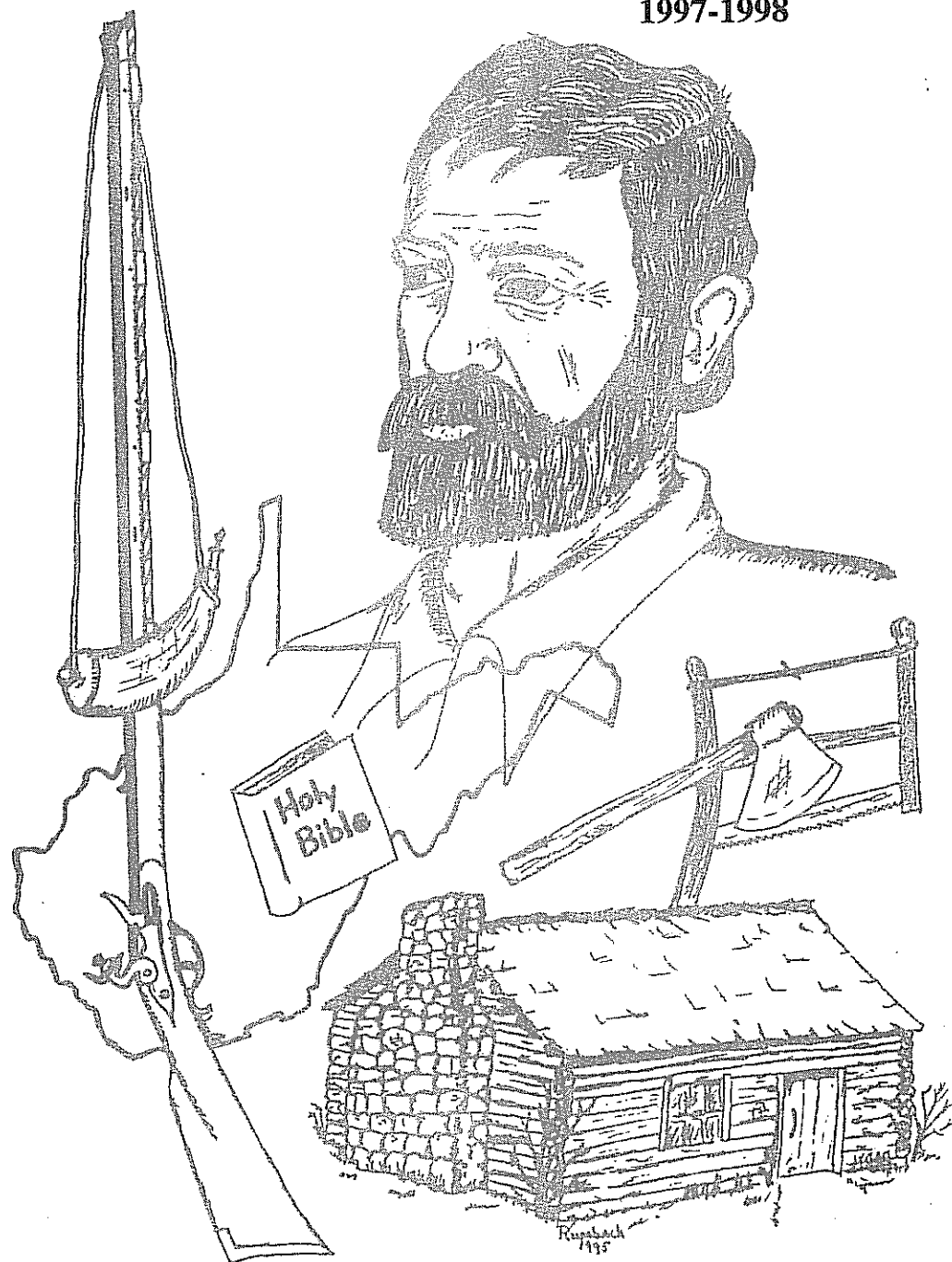


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CHARLES HOWARD GILCHRIST

WESTON _ Noted county historian Charles Howard Gilchrist, 59, of HC 64, Alum Bridge, died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 1998, in Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, Weston, following an extended illness.

He was born June 4, 1938, in Akron, Ohio, a son of the late Samuel V. Gilchrist and Esther Jane McCoy Gilchrist.

His wife, the former Joy Lea Gregoire, whom he married on Feb. 9, 1963, survives. Also surviving are four sons, Michael D. Gilchrist, Mogadore, Ohio; Mark D. Gilchrist, North Canton, Ohio; Joseph C. Gilchrist, Uniontown, Ohio; and Sgt. Jene H. Gilchrist, Ft. Lewis, Wash.; one daughter, Dena' Jane Boyer Crider, Millersburg, Ohio; one sister, Jane Hope Boger, Akron, and 15 grandchildren.

Mr. Gilchrist was retired from the Consolidated Freightways in Zanesville, Ohio. He had been a resident of Lewis County since 1991. He was a member of the Stonecoal United Methodist Church; a veteran of the U.S. Navy; a member of Orange Lodge 406, F&AM of Leesville, Ohio; and a charter member and president of Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants; a member of the Board of Directors of Jackson Mill Heritage Foundation, a director of Mining Your History Foundation, a volunteer for the Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Foundation and in the Historic Area at Jackson Mill; a past president and member of the East Lewis Lions Club, and a recipient of the Citizenship Award through the Modern Woodman of America.

Mr. Gilchrist was a past patron of the Order of Eastern Star in Leesville, past president of Conotton Valley Athletic Boosters, past treasurer of the Massillon Perry High School Panther's Den Booster Club.

He was the co-author of A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia.

Friends were received from 2-8 p.m. February 4 at Boyle Funeral Home, 322 Main Ave., Weston, where the funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 5, with the Rev. William Dawson officiating. Interment followed in the Peterson Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the HCPD Building Fund, Route 1 Box 238, Jane Lew, WV 26378.

EULOGY FOR CHUCK GILCHRIST

by his daughter, Dena' Jane Crider

My brothers gave me very specific instructions about what I was and was not allowed to say -

- 1) Keep it short
- 2) None of those stories that make everyone cry and
- 3) NO SINGING!

Well - I can accomplish two of the three - Many were asked to share some thoughts about dad. All refused - not out of lack of love but because they loved him too much.

In the last couple of years Dad developed an interest in storytelling. The West Virginia Storytelling Festival gave him the opportunity to hear many stories that he loved but also to spend quality time with his grandchildren. It matters not whether you called him Charles, Charlie, Chuck, or Poppy, he was a friend to us all. And we each have a story to tell about our memories.

He was first called Charles Howard Gilchrist by his parents on the day of his birth - June 3, 1938 or is it June 4, 1938? At the age of 47 he found out he had always observed the wrong birthday.

As a young man, his name was forever etched on the trophies he won for racing speedboats at Portage Lakes, and on the invitation he received to audition for the Ice Capades in Cleveland.

He loved not one but two terrific woman (fortunately at different times) and his name lives on in 5 children and 15 grandchildren.

There came a time some 34 years ago when he signed his name to the bottom of a donation card for the blood bank; he gave life to a tiny infant, who still today calls him brother, literally - and she is here with us today to say goodbye.

As his young family grew, he continued to make his mark upon their world. There is a seat in the bleachers at Conotton Valley High School that bears his name; his dedication to the school and his children have impacted more than 20 graduating classes from that school and it will continue to do so for another 20 years. I know because yesterday a friend walked through the door - he drove many hours to say his goodbyes and turn around and go home.

Throughout his years with Consolidated Freightways, he signed his name thousands of times on delivery and pickup, delivery and pickup. Many of those lives he touched, for whatever reason, still remember him today -

He pursued his interest in the Masons, Eastern Star, The Moose, The Lions, and any other worthwhile project that came along - As children or young adults we each strive to make our parents proud - But did you ever have a reason to be proud of your parents?

He made one of the most significant marks upon this world in his love and passion for Hacker's Creek. We have all heard the story of a cup of coffee shared by two women in Canton, what we often don't realize is - if it wasn't for his love and support HCPD would never have been and we all would not be here today.

The stories we each have of him here in Lewis County are special - do you remember his cleaning cemeteries, doing a Lions project, playing solitaire, copying books or aiding in research. Are your memories of the countless hours he contributed to make The Mountain State Building a reality or perhaps you shared time with him at Blaker's Mill.

Some of you just spent time hanging out at the Auction Barn, swapping stories and getting a great buy.

Well, I think you get the idea - let's each take a moment to remember a story, a moment that he etched in our heart and soul and take a moment to say thank you for making our world a better place, we love you and goodbye.

Dear Family and Friends:

Out of love and concern, several persons have inquired about my future plans and my plans' impact upon HCPD.

First, please understand that I AM NOT a politician and what I tell you is TRUE!

My plans include doing more of what I have been doing since I quit being the Journal editor and became HCPD's executive director. . . . I will remain in West Virginia (I will not move back to Ohio to be near the children). . . I will remain on the job directing the day-to-day operations of HCPD as instructed by our board of directors. With the help of our many hard-working volunteers there should be no significant changes in the day-to-day operations of the library. If anything, this recent happening will give me more time to devote to our organization. . . I can come to work as early as I please (I LOVE to come in about 7:30 a.m. before the phones start ringing) and I can stay as late as I want. There's nobody waiting for me at home except the dogs and the cat - and there's nobody sitting downstairs waiting for me to get ready to go home.

If I move anywhere, it will only be to eastern Lewis County and considerably closer to our new library. However, for the present, I will remain where I am.

I know there are some who are concerned about my financial well-being. I appreciate your concern. I am just fine. Chuck was a good husband and made certain that I will be alright - no, I'm not a wealthy widow, but I'll be able to live in the manner to which I have become accustomed as long as I continue to work.

Yes, we were closed this past week as ordered by the board of directors out of respect for Chuck's passing; but, the black ribbon on the door didn't mean that we had closed for good. HCPD is very much alive and well - and, will continue to be so for decades to come.

I do believe that Chuck's illness and the subsequent assistance from many of you and the capable job done by our office secretary, Joy Cottrill, during the past seven months was an assurance that HCPD can go on - no matter what happens. I have no intention of going anywhere - but, should my time come to cross the bar, I **KNOW** that there are others out there who would step up and do their best to see that HCPD continues. We have a good foundation. . . let us all work together to build for a better tomorrow.

Joy

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"Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in the history and/or genealogy of the Central West Virginia area..."

This includes, particularly, Lewis, Harrison, Doddridge, Upshur, Braxton, Gilmer, Webster, Calhoun and Clay counties. In October 1997 we had 983 members from 50 states and 4 foreign countries.

DUES: Membership dues are due October 1 and are effective through September 30 of the following year. Single or family membership is \$25.00 per year which includes one copy of each quarterly - **"HACKER'S CREEK JOURNAL"**

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Date: _____ (circle one)

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jots from joy

Dear Cousins and Friends:

As we begin a new year here at HCPD, activities are moving along at a rapid clip. We have a Building Fund Drive under way (over \$25,000 raised by the first week in January); we're on the verge of signing a deed with the Lewis County Board of Education for the Horner School; we have compiled a new five-generation book to help you with your research (thanks, Lisa Gregory, for the indexing); we are making plans for our YARD SALE in April (bring us your "junk" - it will be somebody else's treasure!); and, we're diligently working to plan the next annual HCPD Gathering of the Clans.

HCPD volunteers have always been the reason we could keep our doors open six days a week to serve our members and the public. During the past eight to ten months, the volume of our correspondence, both by regular postal mail and by electronic mail, has tripled. At the same time, the number of volunteers and the hours they have been able to donate at the library has decreased - mostly because of personal and family health problems. Thus, perhaps the biggest news of the new year is our Volunteer Workers program. We've given certificates in recognition of their service for the past few years. Now, in an attempt to increase the number of volunteers, we're taking it one step further.

Beginning January 1, any person who volunteers at the library or who works at home on a project assigned by or approved by the executive director and/or the board of directors will receive one (1) point for each hour of work. Each point shall be worth ten cents toward the purchase of publications (those published in-house), payment of dues, gathering registration fees (not meals or lodging), and other items

which may, in the future, be set aside as purchasable with "pioneer" money. Volunteers shall be responsible for maintaining a log of THEIR OWN HOURS on forms provided by HCPD and for spending their points when they accumulate. Volunteers working at home should request these forms from the office. Examples of volunteer work that could be/is done from home: editing the Journal, data entry, indexing, building shelves or other carpentry work, etc.

In addition, we will have a volunteer of the month and a volunteer of the year. If you would like to nominate someone for one of these, please write to Nancy Jackson, Volunteer Coordinator, 507 Haymond Hwy, Clarksburg, WV 26301 or send her an e-mail at WvaToo@aol.com. You may also leave a note for her at the library.

A suggestion box has been placed on the counter at the library. If you have thoughts and ideas you would like to convey, please drop them in the box or write us a note and mail it to us at the office. Remember, HCPD is YOUR organization. At the same time, we are nearly one thousand members strong - and, to paraphrase an old adage, "We can't please every one all of the time." But... we do try.

Now, before I close - thanks for all the thoughts, wishes and prayers for Chuck's recovery. His cancer is in remission (and we pray for a continuation of that) and he's currently in heart rehab. He spent most of the holiday season helping me because I fell in early November and broke my right leg in two places. After surgery and some time on the couch, I'm back to work almost full-time again - but I'm still in a cast. Hopefully 1998 is going to be a better year than '97 was!



Recipe for a Happy New Year

CLEAN THOROUGHLY 12 whole months; DIVIDE into 365 parts; set aside, preparing one part only at a time as follows:

MIX WELL into each day: 1 part patience; 1 part courage; 1 part work

ADD to each day: 1 part ea. of hope, faithfulness, generosity & kindness

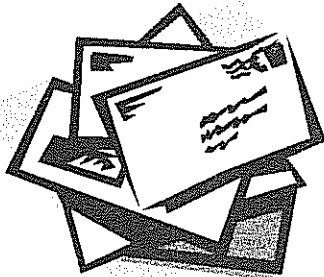
BLEND with: 1 part prayer, 1 part meditation & 1 good deed

SEASON the mixture with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play & a cup of good humor.

POUR mixture into vessel of love. COOK over radiant joy, GARNISH with a smile.

SERVE with quietness, unselfishness & cheer.

Yield: Happy Year



SWISHER LETTERS

Submitted by Brenda Witt

118 Homeland Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Letter 1

June 11, 1941

Dear Uncle Albert, (Albert W. Swisher)

While in West Virginia During the past week I saw your letter in the Weston Independent, and secured a copy for my family records. I picked up a few minor items of family history, some of which may have a bit of interest for you. For Example, in the Hinzman Hill cemetery were found a gravestone marked somewhat as follows:

J x B^{or} (corner broken off)

IX 21

1835

Goff thinks this may be the grave of John Boram, the first of the name to arrive in that region. Frank Boram had put the date of arrival at as early as 1830. Goff's records had put his death as late as the Civil War period, but those records may be wrong--Eva thinks they are wrong. You may know. Goff has some evidence that the Borams came to West Virginia with the Rogers family. I believe that the evidence is in the nature of a Rogers tradition.

Anna Johns Reger, who lived with Uncle Jack and Aunt Ann Boram says Aunt Ann had a great aversion to becoming childish. She did not want to be like her grandmother Swisher, Susannah, wife of Peter II. The grandmother (your grandmother, incidentally) was apparently a bit hard to live with in her later years.

Aunt Ann apparently had a lot of respect for her own mother, Jane Gaston Swisher, widow of Isaac. The strain of bringing up a large family without the help of a husband, however, and of paying for the farm, was said to have taxed even her disposition.

Aunt Ann is said to have liked her other brothers better than she liked Pete, my grandfather. It seems that he slapped her once in her younger days when a St. Vitus twitch, to which she was subject, made her kick a chair across the room. She never forgot the slap, and always held it against him. She talked about it a short time before her death. I do not know whether or not the action was typical of my grandfather. I suspect that as the eldest child in a family without a father he was inclined to act as boss. His children seem to have thought him easier to get along with than their mother, but he took no nonsense from them. It was probably from him that my father learned his methods of discipline.

From the possessions of my aunt, Amanda Swisher Stern, I acquired two pictures that I prize. One is of my great grandmother, Jane Gaston Swisher, and the other of my great grandfather, Abraham Hinzman. They are the only pictures I have in that generation. I suppose that my great grandfather Isaac Swisher died too young to have a picture of the type preserved of his wife. I assume that you have pictures of your father. I should like to

see one sometime, to get a notion of the family features in that generation.

I am impressed with the extent to which community characteristics remain unchanged. Every act of every individual and family in the Hacker's Creek area is still subject to the scrutiny and criticism of the community--although I note a rising despair at the influx of tenant farmers who fail to maintain standards. As communities go, it had been highly moral, both in profession and practice. Morality, however, seems to me to have been the result not so much of individual character as of community pressure. If a man wastes his money or his land, he suffers not merely the financial loss the disapproval of his neighbors as well, a disapproval that makes itself felt in innumerable ways. If the conduct of a woman is below standard she never recovers her place in the community. If a man is suspected of theft the suspicion is kept alive for generations. It seems to me that it would take a great deal of courage to be wicked in that section of the country. Once without the pale, however, I suspect that an individual in that area would be inclined to enjoy all the pleasures of the road to damnation, just because of his condition as an outcast. Within limits, as you know, there was one method of returning to the fold--that of getting religion. With the modernizing of religious rituals and procedures that road is no longer open as it once was. I suppose that a fundamental change has taken place in that even though people remain within the community the opportunity for physical escape is more apparent than it once was. I sometimes think that a community of this kind is a good place for men of good intentions and feeble will power--because of the coercive power to be good. Many of the standards are very fine standards, and suggest that strong, wise and good men have had much to do with molding them. It is with the latter fact in mind that I take a measure of pride in many of our ancestors, in spite of their limitations and peculiarities, and in spite of the fact that I do not like some of the pressures the community exerts.

A stray item-- I wonder if there is significance in the fact that the community has had few murders (It is claimed that there has been but one) but has had many suicides or attempts at suicide. A murderer is punished by the community, A suicide is punished only in another life. As for the man who attempts suicide in that community and fails to get away with it, I'll wager that he suffers endless barbs from the community.

To return to ancestors and genealogy-- I believe your family had no marital entanglements with the Hinzmans, but you may be able to give me some information about the Hinzmans I was unable to collect while in West Virginia. As I understand it the first Hinzman in the community was Henry, who married a Koon or Coon. Would you have an idea which? They lived on Hinzman Hill. Abraham, my ancestor, was one of his sons. Do you concur in the recollection of Eva Boram Swisher that Thomas Hinzman was another of the sons? Among the children of Thomas she enumerates David B. (Who for many years lived on Laurel Lick below the church), Stephen or Steve, William Marcelis or Cel (who lived just above my old home), Elizabeth (Corathers), Ruhama (Fox), and Virginia or Jennie (Warner). Eva says "Cousin Cel" married Almira Boram (known by some of some of my people as "Cousin Al"), daughter of a Tom Boram.

Do you know if Abraham Hinzman had still another brother, William? Eva is unable to place certain other Hinzmans who may have descended from a brother. Among them she enumerates Mary or Molly, (the wife of my grandfather's brother Jim, and the mother of Goodloe, Bill H and others), Harriet (Kee), Ike, and Rob. I have a faint childhood recollection of a "Cousin Rob" who visited my relatives but was never welcome.

Can you detect errors in, or can you make additions to, the following list of children of Abraham and Rebecca Means Hinzman:

Perry G. (Married Sarah Swisher)
Henry
William
Jacob (married Elizabeth-- "Aunt Betsy" --Buried on Hinzman Hill)
Isaac ? (Father of Mrs. Mark Hersman)
Margaret (married Peter G. Swisher)
Elizabeth (Ann?) (Married William Boram. Mother of Francis M. Boram)
Louisa, or Louise (Aunt Lou, married ? Starcher)
Sophia (Aunt Soph married ? Cutright)
One of my notations mentions Robert, a widower, and says that Isaac never married.

I realize that you have no special interest in these people, but you may have some recollection of some of the persons mentioned or of the traditions concerning them.

Sincerely yours,

Carl B. Swisher

P.S. I am mentioning some disconnected items on a separate sheet.

Separate sheet:

Ancestors sometimes lose interest in the face of current problems. My young nephew, _____ who is about eighteen years of age, is eager to be married at once. The girl is finishing high school. _____, who has defective eyesight, left high school before completing his course. He has no capacity beyond day labor, and he lacks the discipline necessary for married life. His parents are greatly worried. There is a bare chance that marriage will itself give him the discipline he needs, in view of the community pressure that prevails, if his parents refuse to play nursemaid to him and his wife. They have been pretty indulgent thus far and their future conduct is hard to predict. Were it not for his defective eyesight, _____ would probably take a course of industrial training being provided by the government to teach welding and other forms of craftsmanship. There is a bare chance that he will get in anyway. I hope he does. The course might separate him from the girl long enough to give his head a chance to work, and it might in any event equip him so that he could support a wife.

I have been thinking this over since reading the note in Aunt Mary's letter to the effect that _____ marriage has gone on the rocks. There is no point in wasting time on spilled milk gone sour, but I don't like to see the performances repeated. I have a hunch that _____ could use the national crisis as a stepping stone to something much better than the institutional work of the kind he has. Many kinds of industrial training are being given to able young men. He is older than some of the people being trained, but I doubt if there are any age barriers. Part of the training is being done under the auspices of the National Youth Administration. _____ could probably look into the matter for him.

We had a pleasant week in West Virginia. I collected no news of general interest. Carolyn got quite ill Monday night. We rushed her to a doctor in Clarksburg yesterday morning, and hurried home, arriving in the evening. She is much better now, and her parents are greatly relieved, though somewhat exhausted from loss of sleep, worry, and hard driving.

Note: The names, which are blanks, are available if someone should want them.

[Letter # 2]

1544 Perris Hill Road
San Bernardino, Cal.
Sept. 1, 1941

Dear Carl:

The fact that I have been negligent in answering your letter does not mean that it was not greatly appreciated. Many times I have thought of the pioneer ancestry of which you made comments, information that has come to you from different sources, some of which is in harmony with conversations I heard when I was a boy and some which is not in accordance with my recollections and my belief.

To begin, I would not be much convinced by the talkativeness of Anna Johns Reger as to the statements she has made regarding Aunt Ann Boram. I do not recall that I ever heard Aunt Ann speak of the faults of any one, relatives or non-relatives. In the first place I am impressed that if the mother of my father had been of a mental condition that would have made the life of her children and grand children unpleasant, I surely would have remembered some remarks of my father that would have given to me that impression to remember. Of course there was quite a difference in the personality of her children, my uncle's and aunt's. Uncle Lewis Swisher and Aunt Susan Burnside, each quite conservative. Uncle Rinehart Swisher and Aunt Mary Smith extra jolly although the uncle had a second wife and the aunt had seventeen children. All the others, as I remember, including my father were good between.

My father, I have told you of this, lived with his sister-in-law, Jane Gaston Swisher, after the death of your great grandfather, Isaac R. Swisher. I well remember your great grandmother and how much she was loved and respected by my father. I also remember his saying that the only time she ever scolded him was once when he was teasing the children, or one of them, she said "Wash, why can't you leave the children alone?"



No doubt I have told you that my father was living with her, your great grandmother, when he and my mother were married and they lived, for a short time in the old log hut that stood to the left of the Goodloe Swisher home. They were there for a short time before they moved to the Dock Starcher farm which he, my father purchased. One spring my father was helped, in a clearing, by Uncle Jack Boram and my mother would prepare the noon meal, carry it over the hill and when she reached them they would drop astride the log they were chopping, eat their dinner and immediately go back to work.

To me your grandfather was always jolly. I will admit that he was very conservative in his money spending and wanted to be sure that prices were just right when he made store purchases. I well remember the year when I started to work in the store of my brother Ed in his store, he and your grandmother came to make some purchases. Ed was on the hillside back of their home, cutting filth. He asked me to go up to have Ed come to the store to wait on them so I cut filth until Ed returned. However, later, he as many others, favored me by having a preference to my knowledge as country clerk. I am inclined to believe that he may have been a little strict with the family but I can well remember what a jolly place it was to gather at the table for the good eats. Your grandmother was conservative but to my knowledge she was always highly respected by all who knew her.

Your reference to the Boram side of my ancestors. I am quite sure that Goff is in error in his thinking that my grandfather Boram and his family came to western Virginia in some way connected with the Dufferson Rodgers family. Duff Rodgers had but one brother that came from the old state section of whom I never heard. While Dufferson was a fine neighbor, highly in friendship with my father, he was of the Virginia type, limited in education. He "carried the horse to water", and many other old expressions. As class leader his favorite hymn was "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing". His brother was not well considered. His nephew, Bill, was in his home for some years and we were in school together but he was not respected as were Dufferson's boys.

Going back to the Boram ancestors. You no doubt, have heard of the "White home and family", located on the summit of the Cheat Mountain on the Parkersburg and Staunton Turnpike. When the Boram's started for the new location it was late in the fall of the year. When they reached the White house a severe winter heavy snow had started and they lived there until spring. Back in those days it was talked that the Whites were of criminal type. Reported that people who stopped there were robbed, possibly some murdered. I have always thought these reports were untrue for there was no conversation heard by me when a boy that would lead one to believe that the Boram family had any disrespect for the Whites.

How I wish I had a better knowledge of this mountain home location when we went east with Harold. Crossing from Staunton to West Virginia I saw as we approached the top of the mountain, a two story old log house and another log house near by. Auntie and Mary's father and mother, when crossing one time to visit relatives that had moved to W. Va., stayed all night with the Whites. Auntie remembers that White told them that he at one time was considered one who could not be trusted. Surely I wish I had some pictures of the place as I saw it when we passed.

The Cozad log house stood where the Ed Swisher home is in Berlin. It was in this place that the Borams first lived. It was there that my father and mother had their acquaintance resulting in marriage. Some of the boys, or one, had the grist mill on Hacker's Creek in sight of Friendship Cemetery. My father had traded the present Starcher place for part of the farm on Buckhannon Run and there he had a log house, where Ike Louderback lived in which he furnished the living for my Boram grandparents. After the grandfathers death there was built a small log house in the corner of the home yard and the grandmother lived there.

One of the uncles was Adam Boram. He passed with tuberculosis. Was living in our home for quite a period and when he passed. This brings to my mind that father borrowed \$100.00 from Uncle Jack prior to the passing the Uncle Adam. When my father wanted to pay the loan Uncle Jack said, "Wash, that note has been torn up a long time. You took care of Adam and you do not owe me any thing."

I think it was George Boram that had the mill of which I spoke. I have heard that he made old time liquids as well as meals.

I am sure that you know of the history, Indian times, connected with the near location of the Law farm, the place owned by your great great grandfather. How in sight of the farm was, across the creek, the camping place and amusement center of the tribe. How, when Uncle Lewis Swisher was digging the cellar on the knoll of his home location they found the bones and pottery of the former living folks, the Indians.

My immediate family had no connection with the Hinzman. Marcellus Hinzman married Uncle Tom's daughter. I suppose that you may remember that their home was the next farm to where you were raised. Cell was not considered so well by my father or us youngsters. He sold to my father a cow, highly recommended, but we at once found that her high standing was not in milk production but in hard kicking. Had to build her a special pen, narrow and with a side open space through which to operate to avoid bruises. There was a case that came before a "Squire" in a suit. This tale makes me think that Ben Fox, who married a Hinzman, was living on Laurel Lick where David Hinzman lived. He, Ben, said he would buy the brute and father sold her at a price reduction. He told Ben to not let his women folks try to milk the cow for they would get hurt. So Ben started to work and was at once knocked over. He grabbed an ax and his folks kept him from killing her. I well remember that it was in the fall and after that event the neighbors would hear the cow pulling a log chain as she grazed in the meadow just below the church. Later she became a beef.

Thomas Hinzman was another man whose farm adjoined the old home farm where I was raised. He was a Squire as called. Yes, he was the father of David B., Marcellus, Jacob who lived also on Buckhannon Run and had a saw mill a little larger than the one run by your grandfather. (In looking over your letter I see that you have named the members of the family.) Steve was the son of the family that seemed to be more highly regarded by the folks of my family than the other boys.

My New Universities Encyclopedia does not give so good an explanation of Hessians but writings in "Border Settlers" gives the information that Henry Hinzman the Hinzman ancestor was a deserter from the Hessian troops employed by George III against the American Colonies in 1775. This is disputed by some of the descendants stating that he served 6 years with the Colonists during the Revolution.

You may have this information but I will give it as I read. Henry Hinzman and Charity Coon, married in the year of our Lord 1794, Sept. 16th.

Abraham Hinseman was born the 29th day of June 1795.

Thomas Hinseman " " " 2nd day of March 1797.

Sarah Hinseman " " " 6th day of February 1799.

Massey and Elizabeth Hinseman were born the 19th day of March 1801.

Henry Hinesman was born the 29th day of March 1803.
William Hinseman was born March 19th 1805.
David Hinesman was born May 10th 1807.
Mary Hinesman was born the 19th day of January 1811.
John Hinesman was born 19th of July 1816.
Rebecka Hinesman was born July 19th 1816.
Charity Hinesman was born the 25th day of February 1819.

Charity Coon Hinesman lived to be 112 years. Died at the home of her son-in-law, Stephen Starcher, near Spencer, March 13, 1872. At her death she was receiving a pension of \$10.27 per month. Pension was granted to her because she testified that she was too old to labor.

Thomas Hinesman was Squire for more than 30 years and lived on Buckhannon Run most of his life. With the abandonment of the old country School there has been past records published in Real Estate transfers.

"One Thomas C. Hinzman to George W. Swisher and others, deed for school lot on Buckhannon Run. The deed was dated December 1st 1859 and provided that the building erected thereon be kept in good condition."

I remember the old log school house but I started in a new frame building. My father took me to the last day of school and I remember that my brother Dock covered the blackboard with a large map. There are many stories connected with the Thomas Hinzman family that I could write but this is all the definite information that I can give you at this time. (Henry Hinesman first settled on Simpson Creek, Harrison County, but moved to Hacker's Creek about 1799. He died December 24th 1827.)

You will possibly remember that Border Settlers Historical writings was first by "Withers" and later written by L. V. McWhorter with much added information. The book is, at the present time of increased value. Have been offered \$11.00 for the copy I have, the original cost of which was \$3.50. Not that to me for I traded a book to L. V. called the "Museum of Antiquity" as I remember. I well remember that I bought the book from Rev. Dan Davis. Uncle Jack Boram bought a copy also. Davis sent cards telling the day the book would be delivered. Uncle Jack was cutting filth on the hilltop across the road fronting the house. At the noon time he told Aunt Ann that Dan Davis was coming with that book and you tell him he will have to come up where I am at work if he wants to see me. In telling the story to me he said that when Dan was told he stood and looked the distance he would have to go and it was a very hot day. Said he'd walk and then stop. At last he reached Uncle and said, *"Well, Uncle Jack I brought your book."* Uncle Jack said, *"Dan, that book is too high."* Dan said *"Yes, Uncle Jack it is higher than it ever had been before."* Uncle Jack said he just handed him the money.

I am interested in your remarks regarding the present residents of the Berlin area. From the paper comments and personal correspondence I am convinced that the old home section is of an average high standing with any other of the entire state. The young folks seem to be interested in work of the different county, state and national organizations and often are high in average. This weeks Independant tells that three boys won the highest at the state 4-H judging contest. Junior Clark 487 points; Bruce McWhorter 484 points;

Gordon Taylor 481 points. This at the Lewisberg fair and they will all be entitled to a free trip to the National Four H Congress a little later this fall. It is true that some of the residents have been and are below the standard as you stated. There may have been some happenings of which I have not heard but I surely asked Lora many questions when she was with us in the spring. I do not know if there is a change in religious views and if there are yet some that have to be converted once each year. I think back to the time when preachers gave to me shaking feelings when they preached that which I thought I had to believe and of which I could not understand.

I am reminded of the Sunday sermon preached by Dr. J. M. McWhorter on the school grounds. How he standing in the doorway, the women inside and the men out on the grounds. How as a Universalistic many thought he was the same as an infidel. How Uncle Tom Boram walked over the ground whipping the growing elders with his cane. I am also reminded that after the death of Dr. McWhorter, one party told me that he wondered if he had been converted before he died.

I get my satisfaction in believing that true religion should be that which guides you in right daily living and if that guides, as taught us, we do not have to be thinking of the end and the forecoming.

Now this is the 9th of Sept. And it is time to close this letter to you so that you will know that we received yours with great interest. In our sun room, 6 x 28 feet, we have what I call an art gallery, pictures of ancestors and descendants. In one section there hangs pictures of all the Baltimore family.

All well and all sending love to you all.

Sincerely,
Albert W. Swisher

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[Letter # 3]

Box 607, Cisco, Texas
June 7, 1942

Mr. Carl B. Swisher
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Swisher: -

Answering your letter of June 3, I have a little time this afternoon so will just write a few lines in reply to your letter. I will also make a copy and mail it to my Uncle Albert Swisher in San Bernardino.

You spoke of me signing my initials and thought I was the Orris Lawson you had heard of. That is right. I usually sign the initials as I have had the given name mistook for a feminine name in correspondence.

As you suppose, my father's name was Thee, (Theophilus) and my mother's name was Molly. I believe I told you she was still living in West Virginia, at Lumperport, (sic) Harrison

County. My father died in 1921.

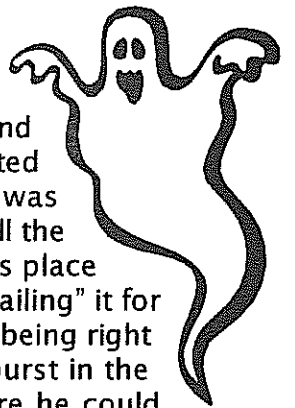
She was a daughter of Perry G. Hinzman who had the mill at Berlin. As I remember it, Grandmother Hinzman was a sister of your Grandfather Peter Swisher. I can remember of he being in the house in Berlin. I used to stay with my Grandfather a great deal. I always liked to be around the mill and seeing the people come and go. I can remember of when we were living on Laurel Lick of going out to the telephone pole close behind the house and having my ear to the pole and hearing the humming or roar and of coming in the house and telling mother that I could "Hear Grandpa's mill running" and of her laughing and explaining the noise.

I remember your father very well. One thing about him is especially vivid. You remember of how he used to clerk in the Farmer's store in Berlin when my Uncle Tom Allman was away. I remember being in the store one day when he was clerking there and of Uncle Allan Morris coming in and asking for some chewing tobacco and of laying down a very few pennies, possibly two or three. I remember of your father reaching back and of taking out a plug, possibly as much as a dimes worth and handing it to him and shoving his very small amount of money back to him and of I thinking how nice that was, as I could remember how desperately poor Uncle Allan always was. I remember of my father speaking of it often, that is of how hard he had it and of my father giving him home made tobacco when he would come to our house. I can remember of Uncle Allan's look of appreciation when your father gave him the "Store Tobacco". Uncle Allan married my Grandfather's Lawson sister as I remember it. That would be an Aunt to my father.

You spoke of going back on the hill to look for the old Hinzman cemetery. I suppose you mean the one back up on the hill back of Berlin and not the one on Laurel Lick.

I walked up on this hill once few years ago with my Uncle Tom Allman. The cemetery was a tangle of brush and shrubs. The house was clear gone as I remember it; but Uncle Tom showed me where it had been.

There seems to be a family story about one of the old pioneer Hinzman's that lived in this house on the hill back of Berlin. As I remember it the story goes something like this. He was working up Hacker's Creek a few miles, and one evening after getting his supper of the man he was working for he started down the creek for home. As he left they cautioned him of the ghost that was supposed to live up a ravine between the two places, and his answer was "All the devil's in hell could not scare me." The story goes that as he went past this place it got after him, would first be in front and then behind. He started "High tailing" it for home, and as he came to the hill going up to the house he never faltered, it being right with him all the time. They say that the family heard him coming and he burst in the house and threw himself on the floor unable to talk; was sometime before he could explain the trouble. Of course you know how stories like this grow with age. However I can imagine there might be something to this. I imagine some of those old Hinzman's were a little rough. All that I can remember of were larger than average. I have always read of that in England no house is a house until it has a ghost in it.



I believe I spoke in my other letter of the genealogical library that Guy Tetrick, editor of both Clarksburg papers has. He has it in the building where the paper is printed, which is

back of the Waldo hotel. I go and have a talk with him nearly every time I am back. I can remember definitely that the first time I ever met him was in the summer of 1911 just after coming back from California, was in his place then, a small place in another part of the town and of his telling of his work and showing me some of his books, he had just a few then, and of his telling that he would have his Genealogical History of Harrison County out soon. Every time I have been back it has been the same story. If you are ever there in Clarksburg you might get some information from him. He has by far the largest library of this kind of history I have ever seen. He is very interesting to talk to. I have copied down about all he has on the Lawson family. In all I imagine I have spent more than \$500.00 on the Lawson end of it. At this time I have dropped it but hope some day to get started in again.

Speaking of Mr. Tetrick. He is very interesting to talk to. I remember that going over the records I found where two or three children in a Lawson family near Bridgeport had all died just a day or two apart. I spoke to him of this and he said that if we could know, that it was more likely that those old people called the cause of the death "Black Tongue". As I remember it he said this was Diphtheria. He said it would get in a family and almost wipe all of them out. It may have been as many as four deaths in the family, at least three. After all I suppose those old people did not have the care free life we like to think they had. The infant mortality must have been very great. The consolation they found in religion must have been a wonderful thing to them. If you get any information worth while would appreciate hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

O. G. Lawson

Who is She?

Mary Squires Wisecarver found this picture in with her grandma William's photos. Who is she? Mary believes her grandmother was born somewhere in Braxton County, West Virginia around 1902 and died at Enterprise in 1942. Mary found her dad's, Hugh Squires, birth record in Sutton. His mother's name was Leona Nesselrote. If you can identify this woman please contact Mary at P.O. Box 314, Dresden, Ohio 43821.



OLEY MINTER GREGORY A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

by Jerry Coffman

Oley Minter Gregory, born 13 February 1884 in Braxton County, West Virginia, was a handsome man, 6-feet tall, weighing about 175 pounds, with coal-black hair and dark brown eyes. He was the son of Joseph and Nancy Louisa (Knically) Gregory. Oley married Donia Ellen Cobb on the 30 November 1905 in Braxton County, and they were married 56 years--until his death in a Kanawha County, West Virginia rest home in 1961.

I loved to go visit him and Grandma Donia when I was a kid. Grandpa laughed a lot, he always was ready with a joke or story, and he was fun to be around. And, best of all, he really liked all of us kids--called me "Jerry mine." Of course, Grandma Donia balanced out his philosophy with her more conservative practical view about children: *"seen but not heard."* She had a keen sense of humor though, which my Mom Opal inherited, and her language became a little "salty" from time to time.

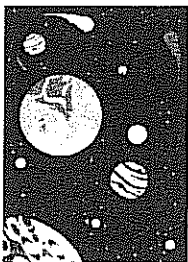
Grandpa worked for the U.S. Post Office in the early 1900's delivering mail on horseback in the Polemic-Herold area of Braxton County. He eventually retired from the Post Office with an excellent pension and they moved from Polemic to a small home in Little Birch (Braxton County). They lived out their remaining years about 1/2 mile from the old 2-story home where I was reared (beside old Rt. 19 about 8 miles south of Sutton).

Grandpa fell and broke his hip in 1961 and never recovered. Until that time he was very healthy as far as I remember. Although I never knew of his being sick, I do recall that he enjoyed drinking wine (he called it "Sweet Lucy"), and this "pastime" became somewhat of a problem for him later in life.

Interestingly, I've never found a death record either for him or for his wife, Donia Ellen (Cobb), who died in Braxton County in 1965 (according to tombstone inscriptions). They are buried at the Mt. Hebron Cemetery, on Airport Road near Sutton, Braxton County, West Virginia.

Two of the nine children of Oley and Donia (Cobb) Gregory are still living: Paulene Florence Westfall, a widow who lives in Birch River (Braxton County), West Virginia; and Herbert Eugene Gregory, who lives in Charlestown, IN.

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pg 155 19 Aug 1794

David Wallace Sleeth late deputy sheriff came into court and fully satisfied the same that in the month of November last he had took by (?impoundment) a mare the property of asylum keeper to convey a certain woman a person of unsound mind to the publick hospital and that upon his return home said mare died upon the road.

pg 160 20 Aug 1794

John Cotrall came into court and proved 2 days attendance as a witness for **John Stephens** in his suit agt **Wm. Robinson**.

Thomas Cottrell came into court and proved 3 days attendance for **John McCollough** vs. **Wm. Robinson**.

Jonathan Radcliff came into court and proved 5 days attendance as a witness in behalf of **John Stephens** in his suit against **Peter Kenshalo**.

pg 174 20 Oct 1794

Upon the appointment of **Ann Sleeth** late wife of **John Sleeth** deceased, **George Jackson** comes into court and took upon him the administration of the deceased husbands estate who with **David Wallace Sleeth** entered into bond of L60 and said **Jackson** took the oath required by law.

Peter Hardman, Alex. Sleeth, Henry Flesher and **Jesse Hughs** or any three of them they being first sworn do appraise the personal estate and slaves if any and return an inventory to court.

pg 180 18 Nov 1794

Ordered that **John McColly** have a resurvey of two tracts of land one a settlement right known by the name of Taylors place on Davisson Run, the other 200 acres a preemption adjoining the above and that the surveyor of this county survey the same.

pg 190 19 Jan 1795

Ordered that the inventory of **Hezekiah Davisson** deceased be recorded the same being made in October 1794.

pg 191 19 Jan 1795

Upon the motion of **Andrew McIntire** administrator of the estate of **John McIntire** deceased that **Charles McIntire** son of said **John** be bound to **Benjamin Wilson** until he arrives to the age of twenty one years of age he being of the age of 17 years the 11th day of Jan 1795 and that **Benj. Wilson** give said orphan the occupation of a farmer and 6 months schooling and L10 in compensation dues and cash.

pg 192 19 Jan 1795

William Lowther Senr and **Robert Lowther** came into court and took the oath of administration of the estate of **Alexander Rowand** deceased and entered into bond according to law.

pg 194 16 Feb 1795

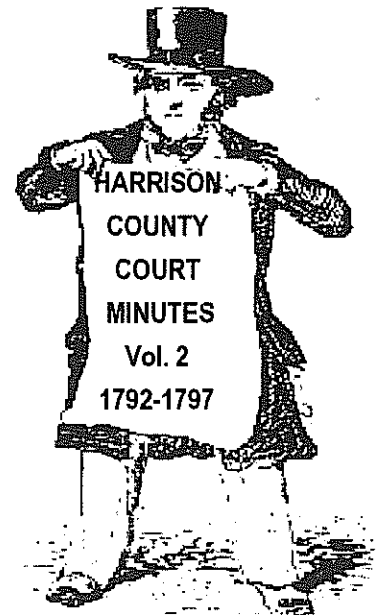
Ordered that **John Hacker Junr.** be appointed constable in the room of **Charles Bodkin**.

pg 199 17 Feb 1795

Ordered that the sheriff summons **James Brown** to appear at next court to show cause why two orphan children shall not be taken from him for ill treatment to said ophans. Complaint being made to court. Also that the sheriff summon the wife of **John Brown Senior** and **Patrick McCann** and wife as witness in behalf of said orphans.

pg 205 19 Mar 1795

Ordered that two orphan boys one named **Solomon Brown** and the other **Isaace Brown** be bound apprentices to **James Brown** to learn the occupation of a farmer until they arrive to the age of 21



years learning and freedom dues according to law and that **James Brown** appear at next court and exchange indentures and bring proof to the age of said two boys.

pg 213 21 Apr 1795

Ordered that **Catherine Schoolcraft** daughter of **Elisabeth Schoolcraft** be bound to **John Haegle** until she arrive to the age of 18 years and that indentures be exchanged at next court.

pg 217 18 May 1795

William Curle came into court and made oath as to witness to a deed from **Stephen Radcliff** to **John Robinson** for 400 acres of land, ordered to be recorded and that a commission go forth to take the examination of said Radcliffs wife.

Grand Jury sworn: **Alexander Holden**, forman, **John Reed**, **John Martin**, **Thomas Hobert**, **Thomas Berry**, **Isaace Votam**, **Christopher Nutter**, **John Nutter**, **John Woolf**, **Isaac Richards**, **David Woolf**, **Joseph Wood**, **David Hull**, **David Carpenter**, **John Carpenter**, **Ralph Morrow**.

Indictments: A bill agt **Christopher Nutter** (John's son) for assult and battery on the body of **Elijah Cunningham**.

A bill against **Elijah Cunningham** for assult and battery on the body of **Christopher Nutter** (John's son).

We do present **Peter Kinshalo** for obstructing the highway leading from **Matthew Nutters** to the glade at said **Kinshalo** own place by erecting a fence across said highway said fence erected and continued so to be from the first monday in May until the present day by the infromation of **Isaac Votan**, **Christopher Nutter** and **John Nutter** grand jurories.

pg 222 19 May 1795

John Hacker, **Jacob Cozad** and **John Wagoner** came into court and on motion informed that on the 20th of this instant they intended to take their journey to the Treaty to be held by **General Wayne** in June next and that their intentions were to apply for certain proved captives by the Indians in this county and prays that as they are unknown to **General Wayne** or any of his General officers that the court would lend their aid to assist them in the aforesaid application.

Ordered that the clerk certify that the said **Hacker**, **Cozad** and **Wagoner** resides in this county and that they are gentlemen of a good caractor in whom General Wayne may confide as touching the said (?Receipt)

pg 224 19 May 1795

Ordered that **Michael Parker** an infant of four years old be bound unto **John Gratehouse** until he is of twenty one years upon his entering into indenture to learn the said infant the art and occupation of a farmer.

pg 231 20 May 1795

Ordered that the present sheriff pay to **David Wallace Sleeth** for and in behalf of **John Sleeth** the late sheriff for the balance due to him for his extra services the sum of six pounds five shillings for 10 months and that the sheriff have discount for the same out of the sum of L18 which was leveyed for the repair of the court house.

pg 233 15 Jun 1795

Ordered that **Jesse Lowther** be surveyor of the highway in the room of **Jacob Bennett**.

Thomas Hughes and **William Hacker** and **Adah** his wife and **John Reager** and **Elizabeth** his wife came in court, the women being first privately examined consenting and acknowledgement a deed of Quit Claim for 990 acres of land to **Edmund West**, ordered that the same be recorded.

pg 234 15 Jun 1795

Edmond West and **Catherine** his wife came into court and in due form acknowledged a deed of conveyance for 36 acres of land to **Henry McWhorter**, ordered to be recorded.

William Sims came into court and took the oath of alegiance to the Commonwealth.

pg 235 15 Jun 1795

Ordered that an orphan child named **Michael Greathouse** (should this be Parker? See above entry p.224) be bound to **John Greathouse** and that the said child be delivered by **Michael Greathouse** in whose possession the court understands he now is in to the said **John Greathouse** and said **John** to appear and exchange indenture according to law at the next court.

William Curl vs. Stephen Radcliff - Judgt for plaintiff for L2.19.2 costs and three pounds 2/ is condemned in the hand of **Henry McWhorter** the garnashee and Judgt and order of sale to be stayed till the soldiers pay comes to hand.

pg 236 15 Jun 1795

Mary Bush vs. Jacob Felchner - Dismissed at Deft. cost Judgt.

William Hacker came into court and proved one days attendance as a witness for **Mary Bush** agt. **Jacob Felchner**.

William Radcliff vs John Kelly - Judgt for plaintiff for nine dollars and 75 cents with interes from 20th of March 1795.

pg 268 22 Sep 1795

Henry Heinzman vs Stephen Bishop and Saml Smith - continued

pg 269 22 Sep 1795

William Lowther and Sudney his wife came into court and acknowledged a deed in due form to **Wm. Molsby** and **Samuel Howard** for 127 acres of land.

Jonathan Cobun and Margaret his wife came into court and acknowledged a deed in due form to **Wm. Mobsby** and **Samuel Howard** for 161 1/1 acres of land.

pg 272 19 Oct 1795

Henry Hinzman vs. Stephen Bishop and Saml Smith - Judgnt confessed L7.15.5 1/2 with interest from the 20th of Feby 1794 until paid.

pg 278 20 Oct 1795

Ordered that **William Lowther, Robert Lowther, Alex. Morrison** and **Archibald Morrison** or any three of them being first sworn do view and mark a way for a road from **Thomas Lowther** to the road at the mouth of Browns Creek.

pg 287 17 Nov 1795

Nicholas Carpenter attorney in fact for **Christopher Carpenter** came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance for 200 acres of land to **George Jackson**.

Jonathan Cobun vs James Stone - **George Jackson** the garnashee came into court and made oath that he believes he has L2.58 of the money of **James Stone** in his hand.

pg 290 21 Dec 1795

Ordered that the tithables on Jesse Run and on Hackers Creek above **Alexr. Wests** up to the 20 mile tree work the road from the 20 mile tree to **John Sims** and that **John Wagoner** be surveyor of said road.

pg 293 21 Dec 1795

Upon the request of **Mary Carpenter** ordered that **Elizabeth Carpenter** and **Christopher** children of said **Mary** be bound to **Thomas Lynott** agreeable to the indenture now shown in court and exchanged.

pg 305 15 Feb 1796

Wm. Davis who was by **Ephrain Maxson** appointed executor of Last Will and testament deceased, came into court and refused to take upon him to be executor of the last Will and Testament of said **Maxson** decd and said **Davis** made oath that the widow was counting that her son **Jesse Maxson** would be the administrator with the Will annexed.

News



From Pittsburgh Christian Advocate,

Thursday, February 5, 1874

submitted by A. S. Bowers

Abigail Ryan, widow of Thomas Ryan, died January 2nd, 1874, at her father's, (John Coburn's,) residence, near Piepoint's church, Monongalia county, W. Va. She was born in Monongalia county, W. Va., March 26, 1842. She united with the M. E. Church when young, and some time after was happily converted. Her seat in the class room was never vacant until feebleness prevented her from any longer enjoying this means of grace. She left a little daughter and many friends to mourn. Her end was peaceful. *Jas. J. Dolliver.*

Rev. Henry W. Sleeth died in Lewis county, West Va., January 7, aged seventy-three. He was converted, and joined the M. E. Church fifty-two years ago; and lived a very pious life. A part of his life he was leader, steward, and exhorter, all at the same time; for twenty years he was preaching Jesus to a lost world. Three of his children have gone before to the better land. A wife and ten children are left to mourn their loss. He lived to see all except one of his family converted to God. His wife is standing at the bank of the river ready to cross over at her Lord's bidding.

Old Land Mark Gone

Another old land mark of Lewis county has passed into the "Great Beyond."

On Friday, the 21st day of January, at his home on Abram's Run, Collins Settlement district, *E. R. Williams*, affectionately known as "Uncle Dick," entered into rest at the great age of 84 years, 8 months and 6 days. He is survived by his wife, eight children, many grand-children and several great-grand-children. The daughters are Mrs. Anna Langford, of Jacksonville, Mrs. Elizabeth Steele, of Stouts Mills, Mrs. Marget J. Wilmoth, of Gilmer Station, and Mrs. Sarah Ballard of Beals Mills, the sons are Emory, of Clarksburg, Sandford, Abram's run; Junius L. of Weston and Robert V. of Florida.

Mr. Williams served through the Civil War on the Confederate side under "Stonewall" Jackson, and took a great delight in recounting the stirring scenes through which he passed during that eventful period.

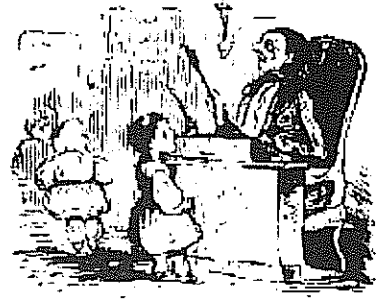
He had a most kindly and genial nature, and met every one with a warm greeting and a pleasant smile. He was a great reader, a life-long Democrat, and an ardent admirer of President Wilson. In his early manhood, Mr. Williams united with the Baptist church and thenceforth lived a consistent Christian life. His family relations were of the kindest, a good father and a devoted husband, always tend and considerate of his wife, relieving her as much as in his power of life's burdens. With his feet firmly planted upon the "Rock of Ages" he entered into the "Valley of the Shadow" with an unfaltering trust and faith.

May he rest in peace. (*Weston Democrat* (taken from Upshur Record, Tues. Feb. 8, 1916- submitted by Lemoyne Wolfe)

THE SCHOOL - LAUREL LICK

The William Reger Family Story

It was there that I first started to school which was just a short way from home across the creek and up on a high bank. The church was down on the level, across the road and an easy stone's throw from the schoolhouse. I think my first teacher was "Eddie" Taylor. He and "Dock" Hinzman, "Lum" Hinzman and Ed Swisher seem to have followed each other and alternated for several years, as I do not remember any other teachers at this place until we moved away in 1892.



These were all good teachers and a credit to the work done in the proverbial "one room" schoolhouses in their day. Mr. Taylor is the only one of them now living and is still on Laurel Lick. Lum Hinzman and Ed Swisher later became my brother-in-law.

In those days, the school term was four months annually and included pupils between the ages of six and twenty-one years of age. The principal subjects were reading, writing and arithmetic for the beginners and as they progressed, English, geography, history and hygiene were added. We began by learning our A B C's and very few of the six year olds knew them all when they started to school. After we learned them, we began to build words like "dog" and "cat", "see", etc. and when we could read "I see a cat" we were given a First Reader and began learning to read. If we learned to spell and mastered McGuffey's First Reader the first term, we were doing well. Schoolbooks were bought by our parents and this was quite a burden on poor people whom, it seems, always had the most children. Needless to say we were admonished to take good care of them so they could be taken up by the next member of the family coming along and were often used until they were worn out.

I do not think this would be complete with out paying tribute to McGuffey's Reader and to Tay's Arithmetic. It seems they progressed so easily and naturally. The readers, while so well adapted for learning to read, contained so many lessons pertinent to and building character and helping the children to realize the usefulness and beauty of the every day things by which they were surrounded. Yet, with all this to aid us, it is feared that on account of the drab uninteresting way in which we lived most of us grew up without fully realizing what it was all about.

During the time spent here I became a good speller was, I think, better than the average in arithmetic and history. I liked to go to school and, after the first couple years, had to walk about two miles to school and back each day. This would be an almost unendurable hardship today. During most of this time we had no overcoats or underwear but did have a comforter around our necks, mittens, and woolen stockings, knitted by mother, and a pair of good heavy boots. These boots were gotten in the early fall and if they didn't last all winter it was too bad. Father was somewhat of a cobbler and did our half-soleing and patching, unless a special job was necessary.

Our play at school was unorganized and spasmodic depending on the weather and the inclination to play. We had ten or fifteen minute intermission twice a day and one hour for lunch and play at noon. The school hours were from eight o'clock to four. We played prisoner's base, town or cross ball, high and broad jumping, foot racing, etc. Sometimes we would play "go to mil" with girls but almost invariable the boys would play by themselves. Football was unknown down in the hills; we did have some kind of game, maybe soccer, if someone was wealthy enough to own a ball and generous enough to let

us use it. The balls we had were made by wrapping twine, wrapping thread or any kind of string we could get around a piece of cork or rubber and sewed tightly to keep it from raveling. If someone was ingenious enough to show up with a ball with a homemade leather cover he was the hero and envy of the bunch.

In 1894 or 1895 our teacher got the first real manufactured or league baseball that we had ever seen. We called it a dead or hard ball and anyone that could handle it or catch it with his bare hands was considered a tough guy or one that "could take it". Then we organized our first baseball team and gradually learned to handle the thing, though few or any of us had fielding gloves. Sometimes if one was lucky enough to have a pair of gloves of any kind we wore them. We had no catcher's mask and, at first, the catcher would stay behind the batter far enough to catch the ball on the bounce. Somebody with some old leather, some padding from a saddle improvised a "mitt" and sometimes the catcher would be bold enough to stand up behind the bat, as they do today, without a mask; this often resulted in him getting hit with a foul tip or two and he became afraid of the ball and his career as a catcher was over. I know, for this happened to me!

Some of the youngsters attending school near my age were: Alva & Eva Boram, Charlie Bice, Arthela and Columbia Waggoner, Emma, Cora and Bert Swisher, Clara and Myrtle Hinzman, Nancy, Era and Ed Smith, Columbia and Luther Corathers and Iza and Lena Hinzman. *Weston Independent 12 May 1949*

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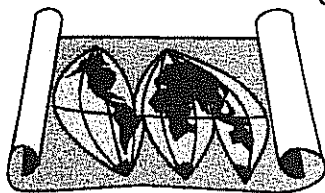
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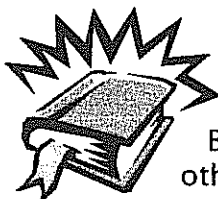
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CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

of Elizabeth McNemar Smith

by Virginia Hamner Mick

The following is an excerpt from a tape made by Sandi Mick Chambers while talking with her mother several years ago. Her mother is still living and in a nursing home in Logan County. Sandi says that her mind is still clear and she will be thrilled that her story is being published.



In time, Mom's (Georgia Smith Hamner) Grandmother Smith (Elizabeth McNemar Smith) was also widowed and Mom went to live with her. Later, Little Granny, as Mom called her, made her home with Mom and our family.

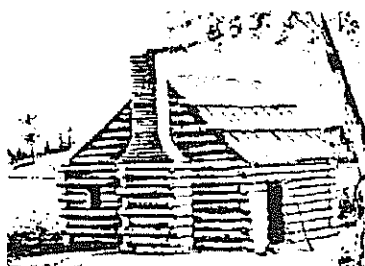
Granny was a Civil War pensioner. It was her husband (William J. Smith) who, while operating in the area of Cleveland, West Virginia as a Union Scout, was gunned down by a bushwhacker named Boggs. He was also in the Union Army.

Boggs alleged he mistook Grandfather for some personal enemy. Others, who had been at the post when Boggs brought Grandfather's body in, in time, related to the family what had taken place. Boggs had draped Grandfather's body across his horse. When he reached the post, he dragged the body from his horse and threw it on the floor. Rigor mortis had already taken place so Grandfather's body was impossible to straighten. Boggs allegedly rolled him over on his face saying, "I'll straighten the s.o.b." and jumped on the body and did so. Boggs' "innocent" claim was difficult to swallow. My Grandfather Smith (James Walker Smith) took an oath that if he ever had an opportunity, he would kill this Boggs. That opportunity presented itself in time. Years afterwards, after he was married and while hunting in Randolph County, he ran across this Boggs. Grandfather permitted him to pass and "drew a bead" on him. Suddenly he realized what the impact of such an act would be on his wife and children. He lowered his gun. Having had his chance, the desire never presented itself again. It being a small world, Boggs' granddaughter in time resided near Gaines and she married an Andrew.

I can't recall now if it was Mom's great-grandfather or an uncle who was also a soldier during that war. He was mustered out at the end of the war at his station somewhere in Virginia. He traveled home on foot, armed only with a hunting knife. It was winter and the snow was so crusted, it cut his socks off at the top of his shoes. Night fell and he was on top of Cheat Mountain. He was familiar with that area from hunting there and he knew of the existence of many steep cliffs. He feared to risk traveling after dark, so he built fires and lay down between them and a fallen tree. Come morning, he arose to find that snow covered the log and there were numerous wolf tracks on it. The animals obviously fearing the fire had not attacked him while he was asleep.

The stories I enjoyed most as a child dealt with life at that time when West Virginia was very much a wild frontier as in the days of Boone except there were no Indians. Threat to people and livestock from the wild animals was always present. Family cabins were built from logs, one end left open to permit entire logs to be rolled up to burn for heat and cooking. During the winter months when the father was away, the sheep were kept in a corral built just outside the cabin. The sheep would be threatened by roving packs of wolves and a mother, not familiar with a gun, would stay up all night throwing chunks of

burning wood, called firebrands, to keep the wolves from the sheep. Dogs would become so frightened of the wolves that they would come into the cabin and hide under the bed.



Children of that time were hardy souls also. It seems they were trained early in self-protection when neighbors living a mile or more away were considered "close". It was in one such cabin in the wilderness that Little Granny lived as a child. At the adjoining cabin lived other children. On Sabbath afternoons children would visit one another and it became a tradition for the hostess to accompany the guest half way home, that being to the site of a fallen tree called the "Resting Log". On one such Sunday, Granny was making her return trip home when suddenly she became aware of the presence of what she knew was some animal in the woods above the trail. She started running. The animal quickened its pace also. When becoming winded, Granny would stop a moment and the animal would do likewise. She ran perhaps a mile or more and was so exhausted when she reached the rail fence surrounding the cabin, that she climbed it and fell into the yard from exhaustion. The animal was never seen but that night several cattle in the area were killed by what was known to have been a cougar as a result of its killing and eating habits.

On another occasion, Granny was either en-route to return a flat iron borrowed from a neighbor or in the process of bringing one home. She strayed from the trail and when seeing some nice berries, picked some and sat down to eat them. She was suddenly aware of a black snake starting to wrap her leg. No doubt, she was fully aware of the futility of trying to reach home before it crushed or suffocated her, so she proceeded to pick up a sizable rock and maneuvered it under the head of the snake. She then crushed its head with the flatiron until she killed it.



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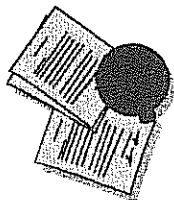
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Weston Democrat - October 18, 1902

Mr. Luther C. Anderson, formerly of this county, but now a prominent lawyer of Welch, is to be married on the 22nd to **Miss Frances C. Rummel** of Charleston.

Brake Letter Found



Letter from Anna Brake found in Harrison County Chancery File Case #12,
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Jacob Brake vs. George Jackson et al

February the 8 1825

Mr. Judge Jackson Sir I wish to inform you that I have met with the misfortune of losing my husband and am left alone I wish you to come and see about your _____ of the produce that is on the place as quick as possible (sic) as I am going to go the the branch to my people I wish to start next sonday (sic) and I want you to rent the place to jones crites and no one else as I expect to have to leve (sic) the most of my things and I think he will be a trusty hand to leave them with and no more but remain yours with respect anna brake

Note: Anna Brake returned from "the branch" and married Anson Young. The property she was living on was on Peck's Run near Hodgesville and was owned by Jacob Brake. He received it for back wages for supervising at the Salt Works owned by John George Jackson

SOME FAMILY HISTORY WRITTEN BY HELEN HINZMAN HACKER.

Submitted by Betsy Davis.

This information was taken from a letter written to me by Aunt Helen in April 1997. Helen is a widow and was married to my mother's brother, William Brooks Hacker. Hinzman and Gordon reunions are still held in Newberne, WV.

Helen Hinzman Hacker was the daughter of Patrick Earl Hinzman who son of Jacob Mislin Hinzman and Jarushia Bott Hinzman. Patrick Earl Hinzman was the youngest of thirteen children. Some of his brothers and sisters were: Amy, Lucy (100 years old when she died), Rebecca (married to Gordon) who lived in Newberne, W.Va., Florence, Bertha, Thomas, Bill and Oaky. The father of the above family, Jacob Mislin Hinzman, died in November 1913 (the year Helen was born). He was said to have weighted almost 300 pounds. He was a boot and shoe maker. People would come on horseback over 100 miles to get him to make their boots and shoes. It was during the Civil War.



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EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON



An Old Citizen
Relates an Interesting Story of the Town and
Recalls Many Incidents and Events
of By Gone Happy Days



Weston Democrat, Saturday, March 19, 1892

TIME CHANGES ALL THINGS

Written for The Democrat.

While upon the subject of the Church organizations of the town at the period of which I am writing, I will say that the Baptist Presbyterian and Protestant Methodist did not have much of a following in the town. There were a few adherents of each, but not sufficient in number to have regular service.

The Rev. Daniel Helmick, of the M. P. Church, would preach at stated intervals. He was a man of the manner born; was raised on the waters of Little Skin Creek, in Lewis county. For the opportunities that he had for acquiring an education, I think he had but few equals in the pulpit. Fervent, logical, and at times eloquent, he was a man liked by everyone with whom he came in contact.

He never let an opportunity pass without saying a good word for the Master, whom he so devoutly served and worshipped. The good which he accomplished as an itinerant minister can be measured only by eternity. He reared a large family of sons and daughters. Some of his sons are following in his footsteps.

I have no recollection of hearing a Baptist or Presbyterian preach in the town during the 1844, but later on I shall have more to say about them.

Now I will take up the schools that were taught in the town that year. Mrs. Mary Wilson and her two intelligent and accomplished daughters, Miss Mary Anne and Miss Fronie, conducted a school for young ladies and small boys. It was taught in Mrs. Wilson's dwelling. They stood very high as educators and trainers of the young. As I shall have more to say of this family, particularly the young ladies, I will pass to notice the male school, which was taught by a Mr. Foster, a young man direct from the Green Mountains of Vermont, -- full fledged Yankee but a No. 1 school teacher. He came to the town in the month of August and secured a six months' school, commencing the 1st of September. His tuition fee for the higher branches, such as grammar, geography and higher arithmetic, was one dollar per month; for the primary branches, seventy five cents.

I did not have an opportunity to attend the three first months, but commenced on the last of December and continued until the 1st of March. I can truly say that I learned more in those three months than I did in the previous nine months, when I attended the country schools. The following persons attended Mr. Foster's school: John Maxwell, Edwin Maxwell, Rufus Maxwell, Porter M. Arnold, John G. Arnold, Marcellus Lorentz, Chancy Beall and Henry Camp. They were all young men and well advanced for that day. Only the English branches were taught, and those whom I have named were creditably advance in those studies.

John Maxwell was the oldest son of Mr. Levi Maxwell, who resided on the waters of Stone Coal creek, about one mile east of Weston. After attending other schools for one or two terms, he studied engineering and received an

appointment on the North-western Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad - from Grafton to Parkersburg. After the location was completed and the work put under contract, he was appointed over the section which included the town of West Union, in Doddridge County, where he afterwards married a Miss Nealey, and continued in the employment of the Company up to his death, which occurred some few years later. He was a very steady, temperate and intelligent young man, a student, and a fine surveyor. He had, however, a very delicate constitution.

Edwin Maxwell, the second son of Levi Maxwell, after completing his education took up the law as a profession and commenced practicing at the Weston Bar. He afterwards located at Buckhannon, Upshur County, for a short time, and then moved to West Union, where he remained for some time. From there he moved to Clarksburg, where he resides today. It is not necessary for one to say that he has made a success in the law practice, as he has made for himself a State reputation. He early enlisted in politics, being in the first place an Old Line Whig, and from that a Republican. Being a strong and uncompromising advocate of what he believes to be right, he was early chosen by his party to fill some of the most important office within their gift. He was elected to the Constitutional Convention, and assisted in framing the first Constitution of the State of West Virginia. He was afterwards elected to the State Senate from his District, later on to a seat on the Supreme Bench, and still later to the State Senate, in all of which high, honorable and responsible positions he acquitted himself with honor to himself as well as to the entire satisfaction of his party, so much so that they contemplate running him for Governor this fall. Lewis County is justly proud of her sons, regardless of their political affiliations, -- and particularly of one who has made for himself such a

noble record as has Judge Edwin Maxwell.

Rufus Maxwell, the third son, after completing his education at Rector College, Pruntytown, Taylor county, also adopted the law as a profession and located at St. George, the county seat of Tucker county, where he made a success at the Bar; was elected Attorney for the State and afterwards a Delegate to the Legislature from the counties of Randolph and Tucker. He was a strong and ready debater and took a very active part in framing such laws as would be beneficial to his constituents and the State at large. Lewis County also claims him as a worthy son. He, unlike his brother, the Judge, is a sound Democrat.

Porter M. Arnold, was the third son of Elijah Arnold, of Jacksonville. He was a young man, possibly twenty two years of age; rather tall and slender and was of a commanding appearance. He was a close student and made rapid progress in the branches which he studied, giving strong indications of becoming a fine scholar, provided he persevered. I shall have more to say of him.

John G. Arnold, a brother of Porter, was a progressive student, manifesting a quiet desire to master the English Grammar and solve the most intricate problem laid down by Albert Pike, but found considerable difficulty in counting money as he did by pounds, shilling and pence, and no doubt often thought that it was very un-American, as it was much easier to count it by dollars and cents. He made rapid progress in all of his studies.

Marcellus Lorentz was about nineteen or twenty years of age. He was well proportioned and possessed a handsome and erect figure. His greatest desire appeared to be to master the art of penmanship. The teacher was one of the finest penman I ever saw; his writing came

as a copy _____, I think, as it is possible for a writer to get. Mr. Lorentz spent much time in trying to imitate him in that respect, and in consequence of his perseverance he did become a very fine and expert penman. He also made fine progress in all his studies. I will have occasion to mention him again as I pass along.

Mr. C. Beall seemed to be more absorbed in mathematics and geography than any other branches, although he progressed fairly well in all of his studies. He was the eldest student that attended the school, being about twenty-five years of age. He was very tall -- six feet and two or three inches. He was also very muscular and sinewy. He hailed from the Little Kanawha Country, in what is now Gilmer County. After leaving school he turned his attention to farming - one of the most honorable callings that any man

can adopt.

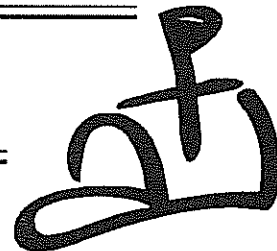
Henry Camp was a grandson of Squire James M. Camp, and I was informed, an orphan. He was in his twenty-first year, and was preparing himself to do battle with the unexplored West having made up his mind to emigrate to the new State of Illinois the following spring. He was a diligent student and well advanced in the common branches and mathematics. The junior class - whose ages ranged from twelve to sixteen--were the following: Homer A. Holt, Marcellus J. Kester, James Bennett, Jr., Leonidas Smith, Edwin S. Bland, Duncan McLaughlin, Jesse Moneypenny and McClure Butcher, of all of whom I shall have something to say in my next.

An Old Citizen

(to be continued)

Letter from Jeanne Sutton Greene to HCPD on October 23, 1997

Through the thoughtfulness of a cousin "on another side of the family", I received information concerning the HCPD. I am a descendant of Christopher Kesling through John Kesling, Jackson Kesling, William Kesling, Samuel Gordon Kesling (m. Sara Jane Casto), their daughter, Exie Jemima Kesling Moore (who was my grandmother) and my mother, Ruth Moore Sutton. I had the distinct privilege of visiting in Buckhannon with some relatives several years ago (my first visit to West Virginia) and found it to be every lovely thing my grandmother had told me about through the years. It was such a thrill to visit the restored Methodist church where she had worshipped as a child and to see the still standing one-room school she had attended. Although her old home had been replaced by a newer one, we are fortunate that a cousin still owns the property that my family has referred to through the years as "Grandpa's Mountain", where cows used to graze. Needless to say, I want to return for a longer visit in the future to Kesling Mill and Hacker's Creek and the wealth of family history it holds for me. My maternal great-great grandparents were Joel Casto and Jemima Post Casto, so that family line holds a lot of interest for me although I have not yet had the opportunity to do much research there. Now that I have retired, though, I look forward to some serious "digging" through records.



AN EPIDEMIC IN LEWIS COUNTY

Compiled by Annarose Sleeth Bowers

It is interesting to note how our forefathers reacted to a contagious disease about ninety six years ago. This information is taken from the Weston Democrat, Weston, WV. It was found on a microfilm roll for Jan 7, 1899 through Dec 20, 1902, located at Colson Library, West Virginia University.



February 10, 1900

"Persons living in the vicinity of Alum Bridge and Leading Creek are prohibited from coming to Weston by order of the Board of Health. The quarantine line crosses the Parkersburg and Staunton Turnpike at the Mertz farm of Leading Creek."

"The smallpox situation remains unchanged here. There is but one case of which the Board of Health has any notice---- that of Andy Sherer. The health officials are vigilante after the interests of our people and a strict quarantine is kept on all suspected quarters."

"A local Republican attorney says that if the prevailing disease, which has appeared in many parts of the United States, is the Philippine itch and not smallpox, it is going to keep President McKinley busy, between this time and the election, explaining to the country that his administration is not responsible for it."

It was reported that Laura McCray of Reedy, Roane County, who was serving as a public health nurse for the Rhinehart family, said that 1 Tablespoon of cider vinegar taken 4 times a day in 1/2 a cup of water would protect a person who had not been vaccinated from getting smallpox.

"Dr. Robert Ramsey of Clarksburg has been quarantined at Mt Claire for some time."

February 17, 1900

It was reported that the smallpox epidemic was under control. Twenty-one cases were reported on Leading Creek at Alum Bridge near the Gilmer County Line. Nine are in the Rhinehart family, 5 cases in Capt. Cook's family and 5 at Rohr's, 1 at John Alkire and one at "Bud" Steinbeck.

There were 33 cases in Buchannon but the doctors there disagreed as to what it was. Some doctors called it smallpox, others chickenpox and some the "Spanish itch".

It was reported that in Gilmer the "whole county is at a dead stand still" because of the fear of the disease.

Trains to Clarksburg were reduced to one a day because of the lack of passengers due to the smallpox quarantine.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bayling of Halesville died. The father had been carrying the mail on the Glenville route. Because of the epidemic there, no physician could be procured to see the child.

No church services have been held in Weston for the past two weeks except at the Catholic Church. Trains arriving and departing at Weston were inspected to see that the quarantine was followed.

Bart Neff was the hero of the smallpox situation. He has ventured to go where

doctors fear to go.

FEBRUARY 24, 1900

A long and interesting story was reported this day. John Marlow, a public health nurse who had been attending the Rhinehart family (apparently nurse McCray had left) evaded the officials at Weston and got on the train. When word spread that he was a smallpox refugee panic ensued on the train and everyone left the car in which Marlow was seated. Later at Parkersburg police arrested him, took him to his home, ordered everyone except his wife to leave the home and two officers were posted to guard the house.

March 3, 1900

The good news was reported that there were no longer any cases of smallpox in Lewis County. This was not true of the remainder of the Country.

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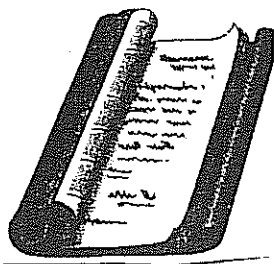
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SKETCHES OF OLD

This is the first in a series of sketches of Central West Virginia people found in History of West Virginia Old and New, Volume 1, by James Morton Callahan, 1923.

William Eli Baker

For a quarter of a century one of the leading lawyers of Randolph county, William Eli Baker had the distinction of being the first Federal judge appointed by President Harding. He was selected by the new President as judge of the United States District Court for the Northern district of West Virginia, and his appointment was confirmed by the Senate and he entered upon his duties on the bench on April 3, 1921, less than a month after the President was inaugurated. Judge Baker brought to the bench the qualifications and experience of a long and successful practice and a record of prominent participation in the republican politics of the state. He retains his home at Elkins, and that is one of the five cities in the Northern district in which he holds sessions of the Federal Court.

Judge Baker was born at Beverly in Randolph County, February 25, 1873, son of Eli and Margaret Ellen (Sexton) Baker, and a grandson of Isaac and Maria (Stalnaker) Baker. Isaac Baker was a native of old Virginia, was an early settler in what is now Randolph County. Her father, Adam Stalnaker, Jr., was a native of the same county and was killed by the Indians. Eli Baker, father of Judge Baker, was born in Randolph County, December 31, 1825, was a farmer and merchant, served for twenty-four years as postmaster at Beverly, and lived there until his death on October 12, 1898. He was twice married. His first wife, Rebecca Sexton, became the mother of a daughter, Jessie. He then married his first wife's sister, Margaret Ellen Sexton, who was born in Upshur county, West Virginia, January 14, 1848, and died at Beverly April 21, 1916. Her father, William Sexton, was a New Englander and a pioneer in Upshur County. She was mother of the following children: William Eli, Charles C., George C., Anna Greta and Randolph. The last named died in infancy, but the other children are still living.

The family of Judge Baker in both lines represents sturdy stock, of patriotic ideals and a long record of participation in the republican party. His mother was a Presbyterian, and reared her children in the same faith.

William Eli Baker spent his early life at Beverly, and kept his home there until 1900, when the county seat of Randolph County was transferred to Elkins, Judge Baker, transferring his own residence in the same year. He acquired his early education in private schools at Beverly, and he was one of four boys who was favored with special permission to attend the Randolph Female Seminary at Beverly. In 1890, when he was seventeen years of age, he was the eighth young man to register as a student in what is now the West Virginia Wesleyan College

at Morgantown, and graduated with the Bachelor of Arts and Law degrees in 1896. Judge Baker was admitted to the bar at Beverly in 1896, and practiced there until 1900.

The year he was admitted to the bar he was nominated on the republican ticket as candidate for county prosecuting attorney. Randolph County then had a normal democratic majority of 1,200, but his democratic rival that year had to be satisfied with a margin of only fifty-one votes. Judge Baker was a skilled campaigner, had been interested in politics for several years, and his father had also in his time been an able man in local politics. However, after this campaign Judge Baker applied himself assiduously to the practice of law, and had built up a reputation as an able lawyer before he again became a candidate for office. His father was not a wealthy man and had helped the son through college at considerable sacrifice. The son had repaid this aid by hard work and rigid economy in completing his college career, and he began practice as a lawyer with a view to establishing himself professionally before he could take up any of the sidelines and side issues of the law.

About the time he removed to Elkins Judge Baker was retained as counsel by the Elkins and Davis interests, and for years, in fact until he went on the bench, he represented those interests and was also closely associated with United States Senators Elkins and Davis. He was a valuable supporter of Senator Elkins in his aspirations for election to the United States Senate. In 1912 Judge Baker again excepted the nominated of his party for prosecuting attorney, and again had about the same majority to overcome, and this time was defeated by only thirty-seven votes.

In 1920 he was prevailed upon to become state chairman of the republican party, and he took a very prominent part in this campaign that year and for four months spent practically all his time in the national campaign headquarters at Chicago.

Judge Baker is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. In 1906 he married Martha R. Davidson at Evansville, Indiana. She was born and reared in that southern Indiana city, daughter of William and Elizabeth Davidson. Her father was for years a prominent citizen and manufacturer at Evansville. The only child of Judge and Mrs. Baker is Miss Janet.

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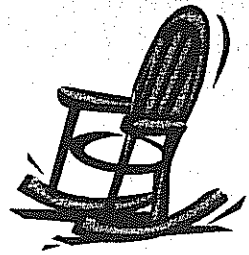
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ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS

*August 29th, 1904**At the Celebration of Mrs. Samuel S. Goodwin's 65th Birthday*

Written by William H. Hart, submitted by Virginia H. Poarch



Dear Father and Mother:

On this the 29th day of August 1904, the 65th anniversary of mother's birth, we greet you once again in the old home. Your children and their consorts all are here.

The ties of filial affection bind us closer and closer as the years come and go. A few short years ago your children were all your own. It was their wont to give good heed to your words of law and love.

If sometimes they failed to render the ready and cheerful obedience which you required, it is all forgotten now. Their joys were the joys of childhood's morning, their tears the warm showers of an April day followed by a warmer sun and more beautiful landscape.

Around the festal board, in the family circle, or resting on their couches in slumber, you numbered again and again. All were present.

Seven they were, but no little maiden had to tell the plaintive story of knitting a little kerchief in the churchyard.

The flock lovingly watched and tended, safeguarded by a smiling and gracious Providence remained unbroken. But Master Cupid, maker and breaker of homes and busy meddler in human affairs, was not willing that this should always be so. With unerring aim his arrows reached each heart and the old story of love's triumph was again and again repeated. In each case one became two, and two became one.

"Two minds with but a single thought,
Two hearts that beat as one."

If now your children dwell apart and leave you childless here, if now others claim the first place in the affections of your sons and your daughters, we are glad that something better is left you than to say;

" 'Twas better to have loved and lost,
Than never to have loved at all."

For love is not lost, it triumphs over time and space and it is still true that;

"Love rules the court, the camp, the grave,
And men below, and saints above.

For love is heaven and God is Love." We trust that you are reminded today that you are not

forgotten. Your sons and daughters by nature and by law all are here claiming an equal place in the warm affections of your hearts. And here are your grandchildren, dear to you as to us, none of who know you but to love you. They are eighteen witnesses to the fact that we obey the old command to increase and multiply and replenish the earth.

In token of our esteem we bring you the two rocking chairs you now occupy. We trust they will add to your comfort and speak for us more than words can of our love and goodwill. We give you these chairs and accompany them with our prayers that the richest blessings of heaven may crown you in the sunset days of your lives. We all join in the wish that many, many such days shall come e'er the evening shadows shall fall.

When this home shall become vacant by reason of your departure from the scenes of earth, we trust you will share a brighter and better home than this can ever be, even with all its hallowed associations and sacred memories.

The book of human life and history is open before us. We can not count all its chapters, or understand aright all its records. We are, nevertheless, but fools if we learn no wisdom from its pages.

Shall we not let our eyes fall upon one sentence today and carry with us the truth it teaches; the rewards of virtue are sure to all who practice virtue. A good tree bringeth forth good fruit.

"Know this surely, at last, Honest love, honest sorrow,
Honest work for the day, honest hope for the morrow,
Are these worth nothing more than the hand they make weary?
The heart they have saddened, the life they leave dreary?"

For the answer let us turn to the Sacred Evangel. He who runs may read it.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things.
Blessed are they that do his commandments,
that they may have a right to the tree of life,
and may enter in through the gates into the city."

It gives us joy to meet here but

"Oh how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and care;
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands
To meet one another again."



June, 1997

Dear Friends of the Harmony Cemetery,

We need your help. For the past fifteen years the congregation of the Harmony United Methodist Church has been trying to take care of the cemetery above the church. Even though it might not always look like a well-manicured lawn, it has been kept under control and the "stringed" lilies have been eliminated. Several years ago a new fence was placed around the outside thanks to a Boy Scout in our congregation. Another member had the opportunity to place base stone on the road leading to it. We have spent approximately \$1,000.00 per year just for maintenance, with this cost continuing to rise each year.

We are presently trying to manage the cemetery the best we can. Our present goals are to replace or repair the gate leading directly into the cemetery, set some rules and regulations pertaining to the cemetery, determine where people are buried, and our ultimate goal would be perpetual care of it. In regard to perpetual care our monetary goal is \$15,000.00. A contribution of \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 or more would help us reach that goal. If we would determine that there are any vacant spaces left, we will consider selling lots to any interested people.

By this time you are probably asking yourself "Well what do they want from me?" First and most important of all we are asking for your prayers that whatever action we take would be pleasing to God. Second we are asking if you have any records concerning the cemetery (plats or sketches showing where anyone is buried) please send us a copy. Your tax-deductible contributions may be sent to: Sandra Len Smith, Rt. 1 Box 139-0, Jane Lew, West Virginia 26378.

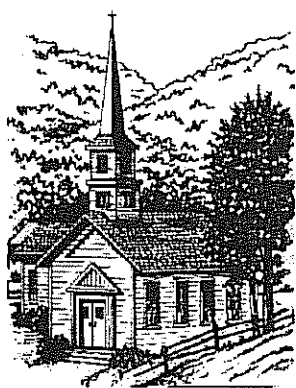
If you know of any other person or persons with loved ones interned here please contact us as soon as possible with the information, either by writing to the address above or you may phone 304-269-6075 or 304-269-1175.

To those who respond in helping us, we will send you an update next year in how we are doing. Please help us in any way you can. Thank you and God bless you.



Weston Democrat: March 19, 1881

J. H. Woodford Sr. died at his residence in Barbour County on the 12th while sitting in a chair. He was the father of Col. A. W. Woodford.



In Memoriam

Emma Jane Berry Price died Saturday, 13 September 1997 after a year long battle with cancer. She was born on Berry Fork, Heaters, Braxton County, West Virginia on 8 July 1921, daughter of Minter Olen and Alma Ethel Berkhouse Berry.

Her husband, Harold James Price, and a daughter, Margie Price, survive her. Her funeral took place at 11:00 am on Monday, 15 September 1997 at the Central United Methodist Church in Charleston. She was buried in the Stalnaker Cemetery in Glenville, Gilmer County, West Virginia.

Our sympathy to Margie and Harold in their loss a beloved wife and mother.

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Elizabeth Aspinall Fury was born on the 12th of February 1919 and died on 10th of September 1997. Her funeral service took place from St. Pauls Episcopal Church at 10:00 am Saturday 13th of September 1997 with Rev. Fr. Philip Houghton officiating. Interment was in Weston Masonic Cemetery.

Her friends regarded her as "a lady in every respects, charming, unpretentious, regal, caring, loyal, generous, jolly, stylish, lively, courageous, and a great conversationalist." The following are excerpts from her eulogy given by William Adler.

"Our dear friend Les has given me the high honor of delivering this morning the eulogy for his beloved Elizabeth. I am greatly complimented by his confidence, and pleased to have the opportunity to represent all of you on this occasion to express our love, admiration and respect for this outstanding wife, lady and citizen.

She was generous of her time and money...it was Lib, along with Les, who paid for the plantings around the old Colored School, when it was the Hacker's Creek Descendants Genealogical Library. It was they who paid for the most recent landscaping around this church, they who purchased the gorgeous Christmas wreaths that hang on the doors during the holidays and the electric tree that adorns the bell tower.

For thirty years, from 1949 until her retirement in 1979, Elizabeth was a teacher of Lewis County's homebound students. By the very nature of her responsibilities, she had to be somewhat independent of formal supervision. That is, she had to be and was a "self-starter", leaving her home early in the morning and going straight to the first of her student's homes. Less responsible people might have taken advantage of such freedom. That, of course, was not her way. "Honesty" and "integrity" could have been her middle names, and not only in her services to the Lewis County school system.

By "homebound" students, I mean boys and girls who, due to some physical handicap, could not be educated in our public school buildings. Their impairments may have been short term, such as a several-week illness or a broken leg, or long-term, lifetime crippling. With as many as ten such students at any give time, and as many as a hundred in a school year, she traveled daily to their homes, often needing her 4-wheel-drive vehicle to reach

into the county's more remote hollows.

Some of these young people were especially difficult to educate. They might suffer constantly from pain. Often their illnesses were depressing to their spirits. They might be continually angry over their fates. Nevertheless, she never lost her patience, never became discouraged or angry herself. She kept on smiling and trying and rarely failed to meet her goals. There was immense satisfaction when they came to her in later years, having succeeded in their lives and giving her the credit for their success.

She found time for recreation, almost always in the company with Les. Both liked to garden, and their flowers in the back and front yard were a yearly spectacle. They loved West Virginia University athletics ...they loved to party and to dance...they were a gracious host and hostess.

Something else which made her an outstanding citizen...Elizabeth was a descendant of the very first family of Weston, Henry Flesher...who arrived in 1776. Her maternal grandfather was William J. Kitson, an Englishman who came to Weston as a stone mason to build the state hospital. It must have given her well-deserved pride to walk out her front door and see, across the street, on of the most magnificent buildings ever erected in America, the product of her own forebear' genius.

Elizabeth Aspinall Fury was a treasure of immeasurable value. We are not likely to see the likes of her again."

Seventh Biennial Family Reunion of the William Strother Society is to be held August 5-9, 1998 in Arlington, Virginia. This family settled in what was King George County, Virginia in the mid-seventeenth century. They are having guest speakers, tours of ancestral historical sites, etc. For more information contact: Edward L. Strother, Director at 36 Puget Drive, Steilacoom, West Virginia 98399-1521; (253)584-5043 or E-mail: edstrother@aol.com.

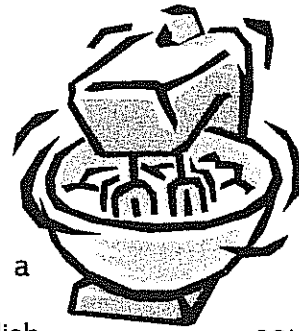
Weston Democrat: March 19, 1881: there are long obits for Eleanor, w/o Hiram Lynch and Mary, w/o Edward Cotter.

Long wedding article for Mr. G. A. Ewing and Miss Eliza Urbach.
Divorce decree: Kincaid vs. Kincaid

April 2, 1881: Mr. S. A. Colvin & Mrs. Mary Forrestell were married Sunday, February 27th by Rev. M. McWhorter at the residence of H. Neely.

HCPD COOKBOOK

On-line members are having a great time sharing their recipes these days. As a result, Ann and Dennis Des Lauriers (pronounced De-lor-l-a) of Corona, AZ have suggested a HCPD Cookbook as a fundraiser for our new library.



They are asking for your favorite recipes. Any recipe will do: main dish, soup, bread, dessert, but they especially need more meats and veggies. This can be your own recipe or one that has been handed down through the family. Since HCPD members are from all over, local recipes from where you live now would add variety. If it is a handed-down recipe, be sure to the original cooks name, a history or fond memory about the recipe and it will be published in the book along with your name and state.

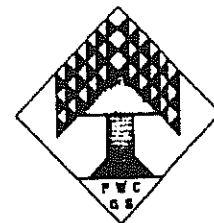
If every HCPD member sends in one recipe and \$1.00 per recipe, we'll have quite a cookbook to sell with minimal expense. All profits, after expenses, will go to the building fund for the new library.

DEADLINE March 1, 1998. This will allow time for the cookbook to be typed and published. **Send recipes to Ann and Dennis Des Lauriers, 25 W. William Carey Street, Corona, AZ 85641; 520-762-9607 or you may email them at address: Annden@aol.com.**

VISIT HISTORIC VIRGINIA

The Prince William County Genealogical Society is offering a very special tour package for May 1-6, 1998. The package will include:

- ❖ Ancestors costume Ball with period dinner
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- ❖ Genealogical & Historical Resource Fair
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LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Stretching to the Max

Each year we take inventory of HCPD holdings for our non-profit status with the IRS. As librarian it is my duty to keep an account of the incoming books and to place a monetary value on each. We purchase some of the books but the collection is largely due to the generosity of our membership.

In 1982 our library consisted of two notebooks valued at \$10.00.

When the collection was moved, to the Louis Bennett Library from Joy's home in Ohio in October 1988, the assessed value was in the neighborhood of \$1,500.00 and took up some 30 feet of shelf space.

In April 1992 we found it necessary to make another move - this time to the Weston Colored School where our collection continued to grow at a rapid pace, and by the fall of 1993 we had approximately \$8000.00 worth of books in collection.

Again we out grew our 'home' and in April of 1995 we moved to our present location on the Jackson's Mill Road. Today our collection consists of 690 linear feet of books which are valued at \$40,412.37, and we are beginning the process of acquiring a new home for our library as we are 'stretched to the max' here are Jackson's Mill.

Stretching with you...

Irma Curtis, librarian

DeLorme Street Atlas comes on CD-Rom and the same company has compiled a **book of maps & street maps** and much, much more **for West Virginia**. HCPD has the **topo for sale**. In the past 3 months it has been one of our best sellers to those who come into the library and shop in "John Sleeth's Trading Post" our little gift shoppe. It's **\$16.95 plus shipping** and worth every penny of it! **WV residents must pay 6% sales tax**. You can order via e-mail or by sending check to HCPD, Route 1 Box 238, Jane Lew, WV 26378



John Sleeth's Trading Post

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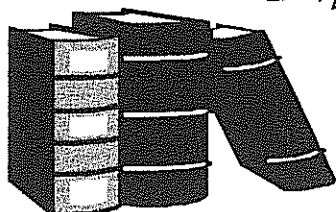
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1. Seeking any and all information relating to **JOHN STACKHOUSE** who was born in Frederick Co., (later Hampshire Co., now Hardy Co, WV.) ca. 1746

He was an early pioneer in (old) Harrison Co., first appearing before 1770. He apparently had homes in both Hampshire and Harrison Cos., for he appears to have moved back and forth between the two. His first wife was **ELIZABETH (?)** who migrated to Harrison Co with him and died prior to 1797. In 1803 he married **MARY LEDMAN** in Harrison Co and they had two children: **JOHN** and **NANCY**, who (probably) married **JACOB (JAKE) MARPLE**. **JOHN** and **MARY** owned land and apparently lived their later years in the Philippi area of what is now Barbour Co. on Fox Grape Creek (Run).

He was a Revolutionary Soldier on two different occasions and was captured by Indians in 1779 while travelling down the Ohio River to meet with George Rogers Clark's command at what is now Louisville. He was held captive for three nearly years, escaping in 1781.

JOHN also had a brother **ISAAC STACKHOUSE** who migrated to Harrison in 1787 along with his wife **BETHIA (?)**. Isaac was also a Rev War soldier, received bounty lands in Ohio and removed there in 1812 with 10 of his 12 children. Isaac also had a son named John who married **ROWEENA (REGINA) GREATHOUSE** in 1800. Descendants of this **JOHN** and **ROWEENA** later moved south to the Charleston area.

I suspect, but have not been able to prove that I descend from a son (**STEPHEN**) of **JOHN** and his first wife **ELIZABETH** born before they left Hampshire Co. Any and all help on this line would be much appreciated. Contact: **Phil Stackhouse** 10228 Cabery Rd., Elliott City, MD 21042-1606 or Email: merlin@softaid.net.

2. Seeking information on **JOSEPH BUTCHER** - s/o **JOHN ANDERSON BUTCHER** and **CHRISTENA "Tenie" ALKIRE** was b. 19 Dec 1806 in Harrison Co.,(W)VA. His marriage

bond with **EUNICE FISHER** was dated 13 Jan 1828 Lewis Co.,(W)VA. She was b. Jun 1810, Harrison Co.,(W)VA, d/o **GEORGE FISHER** and **BARBARA ELIZABETH BUSH**. **JOSEPH** d. in 1846. I need his exact death date and where he was buried. It was near Weston, Lewis Co.,(W)VA.

- ❖ **JACOB BUSH** b. 1756 poss. Hampshire Co., VA was m. in the fall of 1779 to **MARGARET SWANN** or **SNARR** (DAR records). Which was it? She was b. 1757 - When? Where? Jacob d. 27 Nov 1832 and **Margaret** d. 28 Jul 1847 both in Horn Creek area of Gilmer Co.,(W)VA. Their dau. was **BARBARA "Barby" ELIZABETH BUSH** who m. **GEORGE FISHER** 1 Jan 1807 and they lived in Murphy Creek, Lewis Co., WV. I would appreciate any help on these families. Contact: **Bette Butcher Topp** - 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917; [509]467-2299 or e-mail: toppline@cet.com.
- 3. I have a marriage for **WILLIAM S. WESTFALL**, s/o **JOB AND ELIZABETH (PICKENS) WESTFALL** to **MATILDA HACKER** (b. 1825) in 1839 in Lewis County. The area where **William** and **Matilda** lived later became Gilmer County. I believe, but so far, cannot prove that **Matilda** is d/o **Alexander West** and **Elizabeth HAVERTY**. I know that **ALEX** and **ELIZABETH** lived in Gilmer as did their other children who were: **JEMIMA** who m. **PETER WIAANT**, **DAVID S. (SMITH??)** who m **ELIZABETH SIMS**, and **WILLIAM W.** (1824-1854) who died near Glenville. I make this assumption on the basis that this is the only possible place she can fit. Does anybody have any proof? Contact: **Joy Gilchrist**, HC 64 Box 38, Alum Bridge, WV 26321 or Email: hcpd.lewisco@westvirginia.com.
- 4. Seeking to exchange information with descendants of **JOHN HOOD** (1799-1943) and his wife and **LETITIA (SMITH) HOOD** (c.1802-1887) who came to Monongalia Co., WV ca. 1832 from Greene Co., PA. Their sons, **JOHN SMITH** (b.1821), **JAMES** and **JOSEPH** (b. 1841) remained in the Lowesville area. Son **Alfred** (b.1825) established Hoodsville in Marion County, WV. Son **WILLIAM** (b.1822) ran a creamery in Shinnston. Would also like to exchange information with descendants of **JOHN HOOD'S** sister, **ISABELLA "Belle"**, (b.1790-1800?), who m. **ZEPHANIAH MARTIN** ca. 1820 in Greene County, PA and appears to have moved to Monongalia/Marion County area. Both **JOHN** and **ISABELLA** are said to be children of **ARCHIBALD HOOD**, a Scots-Irish immigrant. Contact: **John Hood**, PO Box 248, McDonald, TN 37353-0248.
- 5. I am interested in locating descendants of **ROBERT L. BENNETT** (1862-1930) and **DISA E. PHILLIPS BENNETT** (abt 1870 - unknown). They resided in Tucker County in the 1920 census. **DISA E. PHILLIPS** was the daughter of **TAZEWELL** and **LOUISA PHILLIPS**. Because of their birth dates, it is possible that some of **ROBERT** and **DISA'S** children could still be living in the northern WV area.
 CHILDREN: **OLA BENNETT** (B. 1902); **MADGE BENNETT** (B. 1904); **VIRGINIA BENNETT** (b. 1906), **ROBERT BENNETT, JR.** (b. 1910) and **HAROLD BENNETT** (b. 1914). (Dates estimated from census). **ROBERT L. BENNETT** is the son of **WILLIAM J.** and **MARY BENNETT** (dates unknown). Thank you for any help you can provide. Contact: **Mary Hitt**, P.O. Box 86, Murrys ville, PA or E-mail: maryhitt@worldnet.att.net. or maryhitt@aol.com.
- 6. Looking for **THARP FAMILY** of Braxton Co. and Greenbrier Co., WV. **DANIEL THOMAS THARP** who m. **MARY ANN CLUTTER**. Children: **JOSEPH W.** b. 1847; **JOHN W.** b. 1850; **JAMES M.** b. 1853; **FRANCIS M.** b. 1855; **VIRGINIA E.** b.1863; **DANIEL T.** b. 1866;

MANERVA E. b.1869. Contact: **David F. Wolfe**, 28 Hickory Flat Rd., Buckhannon, WV 26201; 304-472-5124.

7. Seeking information on parents and family of **DAVID HARMAN** in Pendleton Co., WV. He m. **BARBARA TETER-HINKLE**, her 2nd husband, a widow of **JACOB HINKLE**. Where are burial places of **DAVID** and **BARBARA HARMAN**?
- ❖ Seeking the burial location for **CAPT. JOHN BUSH** and **MARY "Polly" HACKER** in Upshur or Lewis Co., WV. I would like to know what happened to and the story of **John** and **Mary "Polly" Bush**. Contact: **Raymond Wolfe, Jr.**, 5135 Post Rd. Lot 214, Indianapolis, IN 46226.
8. **JOHN** and wf., **NANCY (Burnside) LAW** and children moved to Smoke Camp of Freeman's Creek, Lewis Co., WV in 1849 or 1850 from the west side of the West Fork of the Monongalia River in Harrison Co., WV. **JOHN** had two children **CALVIN** b 1827 and **ELIZABETH** b. 1833 bef. he m. **NANCY BURNSIDE** in 1834. We still do not know the name or date of birth of his 1st wife, but believe she died in child birth 22 Dec. 1833. If any one has any info on **JOHN LAW'S** first wife I would appreciate it. Contact: **Maynard D. Law**, 911 S. 45th St., Temple, TX 76504-6505.
9. **MINTERS** – I am asking for help on this family which has intermarried with the **BAILEYS** several times and I am totally confused! My beginning is the marriage of **MARIAH BAILEY** to **WILLIAM COZAD**. He was one of the four **COZAD** boys captured by the Indians on Hacker's Creek in 1794. She was the d/o **WILLIAM BAILEY** and **ELIZABETH MINTER**. Elizabeth's parents were **JOHN MINTER** and **MARY BAILEY**. **MARY MINTER** and **JOHN MINTER** were brother and sister. See why I am confused? I need help with info on them and their parents. **MARY MINTER BAILEY** is a Rev. War. DAR Patriot who d. in 1905. **JOHN** d. 1778. Their father was **JOSEPH MINTER**, b. 1700; d. 1773 and mother, was **MARY ?**. Was she a **TRABUE**? Also looking for any **BAILEYS**, **CARRS** or **COZADS** who would like to share info. Contact: **Jan Keeline Cozad**, 2136 N. Eimdale, Simi Valley, CA 93065 or call and leave a message if I am not there: 805-526-5670
10. I am looking for my grandfather, **SHELTON RUSSELL HENDRICKS/HENDRIX**. He was born in Elizabeth, WV on 17 May 1878. I was there this summer, but I couldn't find a thing on him. I found his family, but not **Shelton**. He was in the 1900 census of Meigs Co., OH. He was married to **DELLA HENDRIX**. Who was **Della**? No one knows. He later married my grandmother, **MARY BRYAN**. When? Where? I need all the help I can get! Other names I am researching: **PHILLIPS**, **ABLES**, **BOICE**, **WINDON**, **CAPEHART**, **RODGERS** and **BUMGARNER**. Contact: **Lucy Pihl**, 4696 West Falun Rd, Smolan, KS 67456 or E-mail: Laps@midusa.net.
11. Seeking info on **WILLIAM COLUMBUS JENKINS**, b.12 Apr. 1853 in or around Neville, WVA, m. on Sep 14, 1880 to **VILLA ANN DAVIS** of Peel Tree. She was d/o **JOHN DAVIS** and **NANCY QUEEN DAVIS**, all from Peel Tree area. Contact: **John W Jenkins**, 6593 Battle Tng Rd, Lebanon Jct, KY 40150 or Email: sgmbill@ne.infi.net.
12. Looking for any **CHEUVRONT FAMILY**, Would be glad to share info. **JOSEPH CHEUVRONT** b. 1757, France, came to U.S. 1777, and m. **ELIZABETH ELLSWORTH**. Had children and the rest is history. Contact: **Rose Olinger**, 28561 Revere Ave., Warren, MI

48092-2410, RO28561@aol.com.

13. I am searching for any information on the parents or siblings of **ISAAC GREGORY**, born 1772 in Augusta/Bath Co., Virginia. **Isaac** married **SARAH HANNAH GIVEN** in Bath Co. in 1790. He later moved to Webster Co./Nicholas Co. area and raised a large family there. Any help would be appreciated. Contact **Lisa Gregory** msbio@visuallink.com or write 3026 Shawnee Dr. Apt 1 Winchester, VA 22601.
14. Searching for information about **WILBUR C. MORRISON** b.?. m. **PRUDENCE TITCHER** 9 Oct. 1890. His father was **ISHAM** and his mother was **ELIZABETH ELLEN MINES**. He was editor of the Telegram in 1899 and ran a series of articles on "Pioneers of Clarksburg" during the 1930's. Contact: **Jack C. & Ethel E. Nielsen**, 25 Bridgewood, Irvine, CA 92604-4576.
15. Would like to share information about the ancestors of my 2g-grandmother, **EVIA GERTRUDE DULIN SETLER**. Her parents were **JAMES M. DULIN** (b. ca. 1838, Rappahannock Co., VA, d ca. 1925, who m. **MARY ELLEN PLUM** (b 1852, Virginia, d ca. 1918) (3g) in Preston County, WV on 2 Jan 1870. Parents of **MARY ELLEN PLUM DULIN** were: **MARTHA ANN SNYDER** (b. ca 1834, VA) and **JACOB PLUM**. After **Jacob** died, **Martha** married _____ **FRIESE** in Preston County. **JAMES M. DULIN'S** parents were **EDWARD I. DULIN** (b VA) and **ELIZA CORLEY** (b VA). Contact **Luann Sturms**, 110 Spruce Street, Grafton, WV 26354, or by E-mail: lsturms2@wvu.edu.
16. **CHIDESTER, HOLDREDGE** Served in Rev War in NJ, moved to Washington Co., PA, then to Harrison Co., VA in 1794; d. 5/1835 in Harrison Co., VA; date; spouse at death was **Johannah (?)** looking for information on parents, siblings, DOB, place of birth, marriage date. Any info on any other spouses? Contact: **Gretchen Bakie**, 12015 Clifton Blvd. #12, Lakewood, OH 44107; 216-228-0293 or E-mail: gretchen.bakies@MCIONE.com.
17. Seeking information on **ISAAC COWEN/COEN/COHEN?**..and wife **SUSANNAH MAY COWEN/COEN/COHEN**, d/o **DANIEL AND CATHERINE MAY** of York, PA. **Susannah** left York, PA ca. 1790. My great grandpa **WILLIAM COWEN/COEN/COHEN** was b. 8 July 1809 Greene Co., PA. He was the s/o **ISAAC AND SUSANNAH MAY COEN**. **WILLIAM** m. **RACHEL PERRY** on 12 Dec. 1830. Would like to know where **ISAAC** came from. Was it Maryland?, Where were he and **SUSANNAH** married and where did they die and where are they buried? Contact: **Harvey Coen**, 2510 N. 7th St., Garden City, KS 67846-3013.
18. Searching for the parents of **SARAH ABIGAIL JACKSON**. Gladys Stutler Hoffman in her book, *Colonial Ancestors of Edward Jackson*, says she is the d/o **EDWARD AND MARTHA MILLER JACKSON** and that she married **JONATHAN HUGHES**. However, **Edward's** will of 1807 Harrison County, (W)VA gives his **Sarah's** name as **Fletcher**. Can some one help me on this line? Contact: **Suzanne M. Siders**, 833 El Parque Dr., El Paso, TX 79912; (915)585-6286, or E-mail: suzysiders@aol.com.


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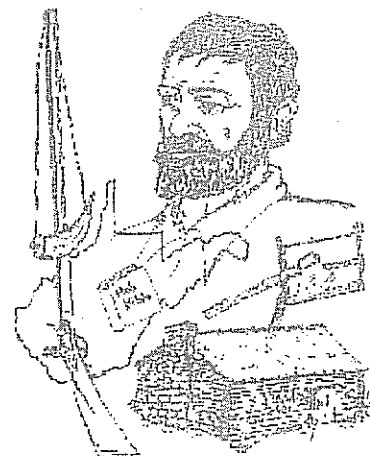
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